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on

Good Practices in Palliative Care: Spiritual and Religious Care as a Core Component of Whole-Person Care

1st Webinar

Foundations of Spiritual and Religious Care as a Core Component of Whole-Person Care



Friday, October 9, 2026



16:00 pm – 18:30 pm

16:00 – 16:10

Welcome address

Archbishop Renzo Pegoraro (*President, Pontifical Academy for Life, Holy See*)

Introduction

Andrea Ciucci (*Chancellor, Pontifical Academy for Life, Holy See*)

Chairs:

Mary Callaway (*International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care, USA*)

Stephan Sahm (*Ethikrat (Vors.), Ketteler Krankenhaus, Germany*)

16:10 – 16:30

Reflections on Meaning and Spiritual Care: the legacy of Dame Cicely Saunders

Peter Speck (*King's College, London, UK*)

16:30 – 16:50

The Healing Process in Advanced Disease and at the End of Life: Clinical Reflections from Palliative Care

Carlos Centeno (*University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain*)

16:50 – 17:10

Compassion: A Core Competency of Quality Spiritual Care and Whole-Person Care

Shane Sinclair (*University of Calgary, Calgary Alberta, Canada*)

17:10 – 17:30

GWish Advancing Spiritual Care Initiative: Integrating Interprofessional Spiritual Care in Clinical Settings

Christina Puchalski (*George Washington University, Washington DC, USA*)

17:30 – 18:00

Lectio Magistralis – Spiritual and Religious Care as a Clinical Imperative: Advancing Whole-Person Care in Serious Illness

Tracey Balboni (*Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA*)

18:00 – 18:20

Discussion

18:20 – 18:30

Wrap-up and end



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