



SYMPOSIUM ON
PALLIATIVE CARE
Towards a Narrative of Hope 21-23 May 2024

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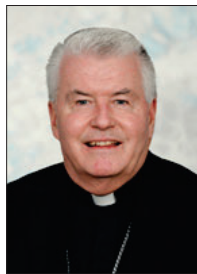
The Most Rev. William T. McGrattan
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Dear Participants,

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I welcome you to this first International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care, entitled "Towards a Narrative of Hope". Thank you for your presence and desire to share your expertise, experience and commitment to promoting a culture of social responsibility in palliative care. Your contributions to this ongoing research and dialogue are greatly valued as we work together to strengthen this holistic care for the sick and dying.

We are grateful to the Pontifical Academy for Life for their initiative and support in collaborating with us to offer this symposium in Canada. Their commitment to promoting palliative care is a witness to the inherent dignity of all human life and serves as an inspiration to us all.

Over the next few days, you are invited to engage fully in the symposium to help shape a future where every individual receives the necessary care that honours their dignity and provides hope through holistic palliative care. May our work bear much fruit and, guided by divine wisdom and inspiration, may we work together for a future which offers this compassion as a sure sign of hope.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ William T. McGrattan

Bishop of Calgary
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