



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

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Most Rev. Vincenzo Paglia
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Dear Participants,

I am pleased with the collaboration between the Pontifical Academy for Life and the Canadian Bishops' Conference for this Symposium on the important topic of palliative care. Palliative care must be supported, deepened, studied, so that it is increasingly effective. Pallium is the Latin word from which palliative care is derived. Pallium was the cloak, protecting the person. So I think this common commitment to accompany the difficult passage of death, is one of the most important perspectives from a medical and faith perspective.

I reiterate how important the joint work between the Pontifical Academy for Life and the Canadian Bishops' Conference is and I am sure it will lead to new developments.

Thank you and good work.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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