

## **Ethics for the Journey**

### **Exploring foundational teachings for ministry of care in our parish communities**

#### **The Healing Ministry in the Care of the Dying – Session II**

##### Questions/Reflections

1. With the advance of technology, the social context of the 1960s and 70s saw physicians and caregivers feeling a sense of embarrassment or failure if they could not ‘save’ a patient. How would you characterize the situation today?
2. The dying have many gifts to share with us – what are your personal experiences with lessons learned, or gifts shared at the end of the life of a loved one?
3. Palliative care is simply defined as learning to help the individual best live while dying. Give some examples of how this is achieved.
4. The ‘magic of palliative care’ is that the dying become our teachers, showing us as caregivers how to live better lives. Share some of your ‘magical’ experiences.
5. Euthanasia is not compassionate, but rather abandonment. Do you agree or disagree?