

# A PARISH MINISTER/VOLUNTEER

- Completes the CWP training
- Follows the CWP guidelines
- Supports parishioners and their families living with serious illness by preserving dignity and meaning, being fully present, listening more & talking less, and assisting with daily living activities
- Documents visits and reports parishioner/family needs to CWP Leader
- Acts as a communication agent within his/her ministry
- Performs CWP activities, identifies gaps in resources and practices, and proposes solutions

## RESOURCES

<https://www.sdccatholic.org/office-for-life-peace-and-justice/>

<https://wholeperson.care/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWr9p6MGPGc>

*"You matter because you are you.  
You matter to the last  
moment of your life,  
and we will do all we can  
not only to help you die  
peacefully, but to live  
until you die."*

Dame Cicely Saunders



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# CARING FOR THE WHOLE PERSON INITIATIVE (CWPI)

Finding Peace &  
support during  
serious illness



Compassionate care  
starts from the heart!



# WHAT IS CWPI, ITS GOALS & BENEFITS?

## • A Pro-Active Loving Response

Is a partnership between California Catholic Conference (CCC) and the Alliance of Catholic Health Care to respond to the crisis in end-of-life care

## • People Oriented

Seeks to provide a dignified, compassionate, and loving alternative to the physician-assisted suicide (PAS) legislation for seriously ill people and their families

## • Culture of Inclusion

Promotes a culture of inclusion in which those who are sick and dying can feel loved, worthy, and comforted, as well as experience a sense of belonging

## • Family & Caregiver Support

Accompanies families and caregivers in the end-of-life process of a loved one through education, pastoral care, and prayer

## • Interaction & Networking

Develops networks of volunteers and families facing the end-of-life challenges

# HOW DOES CWPI WORK?

- The *Office for Life, Peace, and Justice* and the *Caring for the Whole Person* staff provide resources and training in end-of-life care to better equip parish leaders who have been called to minister to the sick and dying, their families, and the community.
- Parish leaders plan and organize the training of parish volunteers in the work of CWPI.
- The training curriculum developed by theologians, ethicists, and health care providers includes topics such as an overview of CWP (body/mind/spirit), palliative care, hospice care, Catholic and moral teachings, caring at end-of-life, advanced care planning, legal decision-making, and grief, as well as tips for pastors, parish leaders, and caregivers.

# WHO PARTICIPATES?

- Affiliated health care providers
- Dioceses in California
- Parishes
- Community members
- Families
- People facing end-of-life challenges
- Ministries who serve the sick and dying such as housebound, bereavement, Legion of Mary, and Eucharistic Ministry



# A DIOCESAN LEADER

- Serves as an ambassador for the CWPI
- Promotes participation and engagement among parish leaders
- Supports parishes by providing training and educational resources
- In coordination with parish leaders, implements the CWPI setting common goals and metrics towards improving physical, spiritual, and pastoral care for those who have serious illness
- Oversees the CWPI in the diocese

# A PARISH LEADER

- Is the liaison between the Diocese and the parish
- Implements the CWPI in the parish, coordinates, and plans activities such as training for parishioners
- Supports parish ministers/volunteers and engages with them
- Establishes a supportive community for sick parishioners and their families