Education Workshop

This workshop is designed for anyone who may be a support person or companion, leadership, pastoral care, social workers, and nurses.

Purpose:

- Describe the many opportunities and challenges in supporting a person through the end of one’s life.
- Discuss physical, social, ethical and spiritual care perspectives.
- Explore Catholic theological, cultural and contemporary views of death, and the gift of being present with/to those who are dying.
- Provide practical skills to facilitate communication with and the support of those approaching the end of life.

“People gain so much hope when they know they are not experiencing something alone.”

Joyce Rupp, OSM

A Gifted Journey: Accompanying a Person Through the Dying Experience

July 6 - 8, 2020

Carmelite Spiritual Center Darien, IL

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OUR PRESENTERS

Susan Belanger, PhD, MA, RN, NEA-BC

Is the Sr. Vice President and System Ethicist for Covenant Health, a Catholic Healthcare Organization located in Tewksbury MA. Sue has been a nurse for more than 40 years. She began her career by earning a diploma in nursing and has since gone on to earn several more degrees, including a PhD in Nursing from The Catholic University of America as well as a master’s degree in Bioethics and Health Policy from Loyola University in Chicago. Sue has two decades of experience dealing with ethical issues and topics. She’s participated on many Institutional Ethics Committees and chaired a hospital committee in Washington, D.C. She has served as a senior research scholar in ethics with a focus on providing ethics consultations and education. Sue has also taught ethics in both the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing at Georgetown University, where she continues to teach ethics to advance practice nurses. Her passion in ethics is helping patients to die well through value-based end-of-life decision making.

Elizabeth Collins, BA, BSN, MA

Is a registered nurse and serves as the Clinical Care Coordinator for the Sisters of Providence in St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN. She has worked in a variety of care settings including hospitals, assisted living and long-term care facilities, home health care and hospice. She has special education in Ethics, Advance Directives, End-of-Life Care and Dementia Care. She is actively involved with the Wabash Valley Care Coalition, providing community education on Advance Care Planning for all stages of life. As a nurse, she is passionate about the many ways we are called to live the gift of life well until we die. She is married to Dr. Richard Collins, has five children and lives in Terre Haute, IN.

PLAN AHEAD

Monday, July 6
- 2:30 p.m. Check In
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner

Tuesday, July 7 & Wednesday, July 8
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Program
- 11:30 a.m. Mass
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30– 5:00 p.m. Program
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Social

Thursday, July 9 (travel day, no program)
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

LOCATION

Carmelite Spiritual Center
8419 Bailey Road
Darien, IL 60561

Questions?
Contact Sister Georgette Lehmuth at 202-541-3218 or GLehmuth@usccb.org

REGISTRATION

Please complete the attached Registration Form and mail with check to the address:

A Gifted Journey
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Make check payable to:
National Religious Retirement Office

Registration DEADLINE is June 5, 2020
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REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name

Job Title

Institute

Address

City/State/Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Dietary/ Special Needs*

Registration is per person. Includes program, meals, and lodging for 2 – 3 nights.  
Registration deadline is June 5, 2020 (financial assistance is available – please contact Karen Canas at KCanas@usccb.org or 202-541-3215 for details)

Arrival Date: ___________________________  
Departure Date: ___________________________

☐ Commuter  $100
☐ Single Room  $180
☐ Double Bedroom  $140 per person

I would like to share a room with: _____________________________

I will be present for dinner on July 8th  
Yes  No

I will be present for breakfast on July 9th  
Yes  No

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*All rooms meet ADA requirements. There are no stairs. Some walking required to chapel, dining room and meeting space.