

# *End of Life Planning*

## *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
OF WISCONSIN ON END OF LIFE DECISIONS

We have published the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of our pastoral letter, *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*, to share the Church's moral guidance and helpful resources to help prepare for the end of life and relieve some of the pain, sadness, and anxiety that dying entails. The letter includes Church teaching on a wide variety of issues at the end of life, including:



- Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia
- Ordinary & Extraordinary Measures
- Measures Withheld or Withdrawn
- Nutrition & Hydration
- Palliative Care & Hospice
- Pain Management
- Redemptive Suffering
- Organ Donation
- Spiritual & Sacramental Needs
- Funeral Planning
- Advance Care Planning
- Power of Attorney for Health Care
- Living Wills & POLST
- Burial & Cremation
- Alkaline Hydrolysis
- Human Composting

To assist in end of life planning, we also offer free legal forms, including the **Catholic Authorization for Final Disposition** and **Addenda to the Power of Attorney for Health Care**.

## READ *the* FULL LETTER

Scan the QR code or visit [wisconsincatholic.org/endoflife](https://wisconsincatholic.org/endoflife) for links to the pastoral letter, resources, legal forms, and diocesan contacts.



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