

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY OF END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

(Updated 1/3/2018. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list.)

PRO-LIFE, NON-RELIGIOUS

National Right to Life Committee's web site has a large collection of pro-life materials on end-of-life issues. See <http://www.nrlc.org/medethics/>.

Missouri Right to Life, www.missourilife.org, has online resources that include a link to its Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and related resources including the papers, "Advance Directives for a Natural End of Life" and "Advance Directives for a Natural End of Life: a Summary."

Wesley J. Smith: <http://www.discovery.org/p/13>. Mr. Smith has written a number of books that would be well worth reading, including *Forced Exit: Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide and the New Duty to Die* (Times Books, 1997) and *Culture of Death: The Assault on Medical Ethics in America* (Encounter Books, 2000). He also contributes regularly to First Things, National Review, and other periodicals. See <http://www.nationalreview.com/author/73549/archive/2016>.

Rita Marker manages the Patients' Rights Council (formerly International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force), <http://www.patientsrightscouncil.org/site/>. The PRC web site has a wealth of articles on end-of-life subjects. It tracks current legislative and legal activities on end-of-life issues in every state.

Nancy Valko, RN, Nurses for Life has both personal and professional experience that informs her solidly pro-life work on topics at the beginning and at the end of life. She has written many articles, particularly in the *Voices* magazine that was published by Women for Faith and Family. She continues to write on pro-life topics on her own blog, "Nancyvalko: A Nurse's Perspective on Life, Healthcare and Ethics," <https://nancyvalko.com/>.

The Pro-life Healthcare Alliance, www.prolifehealthcare.org, publishes a very helpful booklet on end-of-life issues titled, "Informed." A free copy is available for downloading.

RELIGIOUS: CHRISTIAN (NON-CATHOLIC)

The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, <http://www.cbhd.org/category/issues/end-life>, has developed a large library of end-of-life materials and other pro-life resources. CBHD is associated with Trinity International University in the Chicago area, which sponsors a Masters' degree program in bioethics.

Southern Baptist Convention, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Resources on End-of-Life Issues, <http://erlc.com/resource-library/topic-index/end-of-life-issues>.

Concordia Center for Bioethics, Concordia University (Wisconsin), offers Lutheran resources on bioethical issues. See especially the paper, "Decision Making Compatible with the Christian Faith," <https://www.cuw.edu/organizations/bioethics/resources.html>.

Pro-life resources on end-of-life issues continued--

RELIGIOUS: CATHOLIC

Catechism of the Catholic Church (2d edition, 1997), http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM, espew-content/cially nos. 618 & 1521 (the Cross), nos. 1006-1014, 1020 (Christian death), nos. 2276-2279 (euthanasia), 2280-2283 (suicide), and nos. 366, 988-1004 (our resurrection).

John Paul II: *Veritatis splendor* (The Splendor of Truth, 1993), *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life, 1995), and *Salvifici doloris* (The Christian Meaning of Human Suffering, 1984). All are available at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en.html>.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* (5th ed. 2009), Part Five: Issues in Care for the Seriously Ill and Dying. The work is available in pdf format at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/health-care/upload/Ethical-Religious-Directives-Catholic-Health-Care-Services-fifth-edition-2009.pdf>.

Missouri Catholic Conference, *A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions for Individuals and Families*, www.mocatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/endoflifeguide.pdf.

National Catholic Bioethics Center, *A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions*, www.ncbcenter.org/publications/end-life-guide. This work is especially clear and helpful. Further good reading is found at the NCBC's web site in the "Resources" tab, which includes current and archived monthly articles on bioethics under the title, "Making Sense of Bioethics," by Rev. Tad Pacholczyk, NCBC's Director of Education, at <http://www.ncbcenter.org/publications/making-sense-out-bioethics/>.