IPS 596-001 – Special Topics: Dying Well

Accompaniment with the dying and their families is a significant part of most ministerial work—be it in the parish or in the hospital. Yet few ministers—and even fewer parishioners—are prepared for the dying process. As a result, many end-of-life scenarios are wretched, fragmented and painful.

This course is designed to prepare those in health care and parish ministries to accompany patients, families, and parishioners on their end-of-life journeys theologically, ethically, and practically. It begins with an overview of the history of death and dying in western and contemporary culture. From there it will examine a Christian theology of death and dying, non-Christian theologies of death and dying, ethical questions surrounding the end of life (advance directives, withholding and withdrawing treatment, etc.), palliative care, and the new call for a new art of dying. It aims to equip IPS students to help those they accompany to die well.

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Location: Online