





Representing California's Catholic Health Systems and Hospitals

A Collaborative Initiative of the California Catholic Conference and the Alliance of Catholic Health Care

## **Caring for the Whole Person Core Curriculum**

MODULE 1	Introduction to Caring for the Whole Person Care Initiative (CWPI) and Introduction to Palliative Care and Hospice  Contents:  General overview of the initiative  What is Palliative Care and how can I receive that type of care  What is the difference between Palliative Care and Hospice
MODULE 2	Catholic Moral Teaching Around End of Life Care Contents:  • Ethical and Religious Directives related to end of life  • Common Misunderstandings of Catholic Teaching on Ethical Decisions about Treatment
MODULE 3	<ul> <li>Caring for Parishioners along the Continuum of Care</li> <li>Contents:</li> <li>How clergy can support parishioners and families towards the end of life</li> <li>Resources from our faith tradition</li> <li>How to support parishioners and families towards the end of life</li> <li>Physical, emotional, spiritual changes and how to address them</li> <li>Physician Assisted Suicide guidelines and how to respond</li> <li>Communication and Listening Skills</li> <li>Boundaries and confidentiality</li> <li>Volunteer Guidelines</li> </ul>
MODULE 4	Advance Care Planning, Communication and Taking Care of Business Contents:  Overview of Advance Care Planning Advance Directive POLST Misunderstandings about POLST Advance Directive vs. POLST

## **MODULE 5**

## Parish as a loving community, Caring for one another

## Contents:

- A Day in the Life of a Caregiver
- Burdens of caregiving
- Family dynamics around caregiving
- How to provide emotional support to caregivers
- What is grief and mourning
- Stages and types of grief
- Signs of grief
- Spiritual care for the bereaved
- How to manage and maintain a CWP Ministry
- Recruiting and screening
- Identifying speakers for presenting
- Identifying parishioners in need and assigning CWP ministers
- Documenting and reporting visits
- Keeping volunteers engaged