Deeper Discipleship Series
THE BEAUTY AND TRUTH OF CATHOLIC TEACHING ON END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

ST. PHILIP CHURCH, GREENVILLE, RI - PARISH CENTER
7:00-8:30 PM
October 5, 12, & 19, 2023

Featuring
Peter J. Colosi, PhD
and guests!

In this three-part series, Dr. Colosi and other guest speakers will present the fullness of Catholic teaching on suffering, death and dying, and explain the false premises of the pro-euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide movements. This series will help us to better understand and carry out Christ’s mandate to care for the sick and dying in a manner that honors God and respects the dignity of persons.

Thursday, Oct. 5 - Catholic Teaching on End-of-Life Issues vs. Euthanasia
Dr. Colosi will explain Catholic teaching and tradition on end-of-life issues with a focus on the challenging moral dilemmas that arise concerning treatment at the end of life. Dr./Deacon Timothy Flanigan, MD will then share some true and touching stories from his years of medical practice, and how this Catholic teaching has proven to be a true gift to many families.

Thursday, Oct. 12 - Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Documents and Funeral Arrangements
Dr. Colosi will provide an overview of various end-of-life documents (living will, power of attorney, POLST/MOLST), and explain the approach offered by the Catholic Church to fill out these documents. Tracy Loignon, Esq., estate planning lawyer will explain the practical dimensions of filling out these documents from a Catholic perspective. Chris Dilorio, funeral director at Carpenter Jenks Funeral Home will discuss what the Church teaches about interment, cremation and scattering of ashes; key components of a Catholic funeral; and the importance of preplanning one’s funeral.*

Thursday, Oct. 19 - Catholic Understanding of Redemptive Suffering and Dying vs. The Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act
An overview of key details in The Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act (Rhode Island Bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide), and a presentation of the Catholic understanding of the Art of Dying (Ars moriendi) will be provided by Dr. Colosi. Fr. Bob Bailey will follow with moving stories from real life experience providing care and the Sacraments at the end of life. These stories will help us all to prepare ahead of time by reflecting on the beauty and the challenges associated with this process, giving us an awareness of redemptive suffering.

There will be ample time for questions and answers at each session.

Contact Veronica Plante, Director of Religious Education at 401-949-0330 or reled@saintphilip.com for more information.

St. Philip’s Respect Life Committee needs diapers in all sizes. Please bring a package with you if you can!

Refreshments will be provided!

Registration Form - Complete information below and return with payment of $15 per person to the black mailbox outside the McNamara building or mail to: St. Philip Church, 622 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI 02828. (Make checks payable to St. Philip Church)

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Phone # ___________________________ Email address ___________________________

*The Catholic Health Care Directive for Rhode Island and instructions will be provided for all in attendance.