



3 November 2021

**St. Martin de Porres**

Dear Brother Bishops,

On behalf of the CCCB Joint *Ad Hoc* Committee on Palliative Care, I am pleased to announce that **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care**, will be launched on 15 and 16 November 2021. The launch marks the culmination of a four-year process whereby the CCCB partnered with experts from Pallium Canada, Dominican University College, the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, and the Congregation of the Sisters Saint Joseph in Canada. This partnership ensured the development of a high-level resource that will benefit Catholic parishioners eager to grow in their understanding of palliative care and Church teaching on end-of-life questions.

The toolkit is available in French and English. Key features include a detailed facilitator's guide, four modules organized in a step-by-step learning process, videos, and take-home resources. The entire toolkit will be available on the CCCB webpage immediately following its launch.

The Committee has planned Zoom presentations where an expert panel will introduce the toolkit.

English Zoom presentation: **Monday, 15 November from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST.**

- [Click here to register for the English Launch Webinar](#)

French Zoom presentation: **Tuesday, 16 November from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST.**

- [Click here to register for the French Launch Webinar](#)

We invite you to join us and ask that you extend an invitation to those in your dioceses and parishes who work in the pastoral care of the sick and dying. For more information, please contact Mrs. Michelle Dabrowski at [m.dabrowski@cccb.ca](mailto:m.dabrowski@cccb.ca) or Mrs. Marg Shea-Lawrence at [m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca](mailto:m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca).

Sincerely in Our Lord,

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