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### **As Gravely Ill Becomes Dying**

A workshop on end-of-life care issues and options

**Saturday January 18, 2020**

**2:15-3:45 pm**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral parish hall**

**296 Flower City Park**

Many people and their families struggle with the care decisions to be made in the setting of advanced illness, whether the illness is cancer-related or another chronic illness like emphysema or heart failure or kidney disease. Those struggles are often further amplified as death approaches. When is a Do Not Resuscitate order the right decision? Is it OK to not use artificial fluids and feeding through a stomach tube? Will pain medication hasten death? What is the difference between aggressive symptom management and physician-assisted suicide?

Recently some members of the Cathedral Community parish have had experiences with serious illnesses themselves or faced difficult decisions in their families.

Given concern about a proposed NYS law on physician-assisted suicide (PAS) that will soon come before the Legislature, this seems an opportune time to look at Catholic Church teaching on end-of-life care decision-making and physician-assisted suicide.

During this 90-minute session on end-of-life care decision-making, speakers will explain church teaching on PAS, but our principal focus will be on a

range of end-of-life concerns and ways to provide care and support for loved ones as they approach death.

This session's content will rely heavily on the questions of participants.

A panel of five experts will share their experiences and knowledge and answer your questions:

- **Thomas Carroll** MD, completed his internal medicine training at the University of Rochester where he subsequently served as Chief Resident and completed the fellowship program in Hospice and Palliative Medicine.
- **Shannon Kilbridge** Associate Director, Department of Pastoral Services, Diocese of Rochester.
- **Kristin Kildea**, RN, director of Isaiah House, a home for the dying in Rochester.
- **Kathleen McGrail** MD, Retired Primary Care Physician; former hospice medical director for Visiting Nurse Service.
- **Deacon Brian McNulty**, currently working in Mental Health Resource Ministry for parishes in the Rochester diocese, he has served on the board of Elisha House, a two bed house for terminally ill, specializing in the HIV/AIDS community.