



Understanding and Applying the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services:*

AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FOR PHYSICIANS



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## PRAYER RESOURCE

### OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, creator and sustainer of life, be with us today as we study and discuss what it means to share in the ministry of healing. Open our hearts and minds so that we may more truly reflect your compassion and concern for each person we meet. Help us to understand the vital role of the physician and impel us to dedicate ourselves to your service. We pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

OR

O Lord Jesus Christ, comfort of all who suffer, your words and deeds show a special love for persons who are poor and vulnerable. Instill within our hearts the compassion and mercy you showed to those who were poor, hungry, sick and dying. Fill our hearts with zeal to change the unjust structures of our society so that all women, men and children may flourish. All this we ask in your Holy Name. Amen.

### READING

For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)



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