



# SBC Conference 2015

## The Consolation of Dying as a Slave

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### Quotes

"Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Benjamin Franklin, in a letter to a friend, 1789 - Yale Book of Quotations

"In all thy works remember thy last end, and thou shalt never sin." Ecclesiasticus 7:40

(See also Ecclesiasticus 41:5)

"If you keep these twenty-two little rules, when you die, Our Lady will place you as a lily before the throne of God." Brother Hugh, M.I.C.M.

### References

Montfort, Saint Louis Marie; True Devotion to Mary (I prefer Father Faber's translation)

Lemoyne, Giovanni Battista, SDB, et al.; The Biographical Memoirs of St. John Bosco; trans. Diego Borgatello; 19 vol. (available from the Salesians - Eastern Province)

Potter, (Ven.) Mother Mary, LCM; Devotion for the Dying – Mary's Call to Her Loving Children; TAN reprinted 1991

de Liguori, Saint Alphonsus Maria; Preparation for Death ; 1843 (original publication)

or the short version available from the Transalpine Redemptorists

or the original (short) 1926 edition

See also his other books -- you can find some of them as e-books at CatholicKingdom.com or reprinted and for sale on Amazon (just to get you started)

O'Sullivan, Father Paul; Read Me or Rue It; 1936

Bauduin, Rev. Emile; On the Threshold of Eternity - Preparation for Death to Be Made Each Month; 1928 - reprinted 2014 by Refuge of Sinners Publishing, Inc.

World Births & Deaths (<http://worldbirthsanddeaths.com/>)

Orthodox Christian Information Center; The Memory of Death (although written by schismatics, this article has wonderful references to the Church Fathers and Doctors)

### Video

YouTube; CNS; Rosary Hill – Dominicans Care for Dying (note how they need the dogma)

YouTube; Audio Sancta; Sermon on Preparing for Death

*See the final category for more videos.*

### Meditation

SaintsPrayers.net; St. Francis de Sales; How to Meditate (an excerpt from *Introduction to the Devout Life*)



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Cfpeople.org; St. Francis de Sales; Meditation on Death

PrayerbookforReligious.blogspot.com; Monthly Day of Recollection

CatholicSpiritualDirection.org; Prayer Methods (a posting that includes various methods of meditation)

WikiArt.com; El Greco; St. Francis and Brother Leo Meditating on Death

Reimel, Abigail; Catholic Stand; How to Meditate Like a Catholic; 2/22/2013

Just, Felix, S.J., Ph.D.; Methods of Praying with the Scriptures (some good lists, but stay very far away from "Centering Prayer")

Suriani, Father Raymond; What Would You Do If You Knew You Were Going to Die Within the Next 24 Hours?; November 1, 2011

## **Preparation for a Catholic Death - Including Prayers for the Dying**

Catholic Encyclopedia; New Advent.com; Preparation for Death

Cafasso, St. Joseph; CatholicTradition.org; Preparation for Death

StGemmaGalgani.com; Catholic Prayers for Preparing for Death; September 2009

FishEaters.com; A Catholic Way of Dying

CatholicDaily.net; A Report on the book Heaven's Homecoming, by Fr. McKay; 4/17/2012

Catholic.org; A list of Prayers Dealing with Death

A few quotes from St. John Bosco

SemperAltius.com; Exercise for a Happy Death (excerpt from Practices of Piety; Salesians of St. John Bosco; 1953 ed.)

## **Putting Your Temporal Affairs in Order**

*Most of these links deal with prudent natural measures (any search with the above title will generate many links -- these are a few I though might be helpful). Be very careful about Advanced Directives. It is much better to give Durable Power of Attorney for Medical Care to a couple of people you trust.*

Byrne, Paul A., M.D.; RenewAmerica.com; End of Life Planning -- the Blumenaurer Way; January 4, 2011

Hospice Patients Alliance; DNR Orders, POA Forms, Advanced Directives & Patient Comfort

Shrager, Linda; Everydayhealth.com; The Organized Caregiver; Getting Affairs in Order in Case of Death or Health Crisis; October 26, 2009

FuneralServicesGuide.com; Simple Steps to Putting Your Affairs in Order

Halbert, Gary D.; ProFutures.com; Getting Your Affairs In Order - Beyond Living Wills; March 29, 2005

It's Ok To Die When You Are Prepared; Resources (checklists to help with planning)

Otterholt, Randy, D.D.S.; Make Sure Your Affairs Are in Order



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## On Catholic Medical Ethics

Dr. Paul Byrne is the leading advocate concerning the life of those threatened by organ transplants. You can find his articles on Renew America or at his Web sites: Life Guardian Foundation or TruthAboutOrganDonation. A particularly good summary is his article, *A Living Human Person on Earth until True Death*.

Hospice Patients Alliance (a very helpful pro-life site covering many topics -- both warnings and how-to's)

USCCB.org; Ethical Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (Paragraph # 58 is the pertinent one.)

Lavastida, Fr. Jose I.; CatholicCulture.org; Nutrition and Hydration at the End of Life (a commentary on the Ethical Directives)

National Catholic Bioethics Center; End of Life Care; 2013

The Catholic Union of Great Britain; Response to the N.I.C.E. draft guidelines on end of life care for adults

Brown, Judie; Celebrate Life Magazine; Pro-life Basics; Can Palliative Care Be Abused?;

Sedlak, Jim; Celebrate Life Magazine; Get Every Minute of Life God Has Planned for You; January-February 2015

Panzer, Ron; Celebrate Life Magazine; Protect Your Family from the Invisible Holocaust; January-February 2007

## **TED Talks On Death** (*on a purely natural level - some things to think about*)

TEDxSanAntonio; YouTube; More to Dying than Meets the Eye (re: hallucinations vs visions, not the correct conclusions or explanations, but interesting research -- note how she only addresses the pleasant things, which may be a person's final reward . . .)

Wilde, Caleb; TEDxStGeorge; YouTube; Embracing Death (this gentleman's blog is full of all kinds of horrors, but his talk -- if you ignore some of the images -- has some important points)

Saul, Paul; TEDxNewy 2011; YouTube; Dying in 21st Century Australia, a new experience for all of us (a doctor talks about death -- if combined with Catholic ethics, this would be good)

Miller, BJ Miller; TED Talks; YouTube; What Really Matters at the End of Life (natural, but a lovely appreciation of wonder -- easily elevated)

Bennett, Amanda; TED.com; We Need a Heroic Narrative for Death

*Please let me know if you know of anything that should be added to this list. I'd love to get your feedback. [smph@Catholicism.org](mailto:smph@Catholicism.org)*