

# St. André International Center for Ethics and Integrity

## Ethics of End-of-Life Care: Contributions from the Arts and Humanities

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An intensive ethics seminar organized in cooperation  
with the Pontifical Academy Pro Vita, Vatican City  
and the Château Saint André Center, France

### Objective

Care for the dying and their loved ones is a most rewarding but also challenging endeavor. Such care can evoke complex moral questions that often defy standard methods of ethical analysis. In this seminar, we enter into dialogue with the arts and humanities to gain new insights about the human condition, find meaning in the final phase of life, and achieve a truly dignified death.

### Approach

Whereas internationally renowned experts will introduce the themes, the core of this seminar will be a sustained discussion among all participants. Conversations will extend from the classroom to cultural excursions in the city of Rome and many shared meals. Participants are invited to prepare a short presentation to stimulate still more dialogue. Registration is limited to 20 persons.

### Combination with the Annual Conference of the Pontifical Academy for Life

Immediately following the seminar, participants can attend the two-day annual conference of the Pontifical Academy for Life (1-2/3/2027). The topic of the 2027 meeting will be announced later.

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