



## QUOTES TO LIVE BY

**"Both the artificial extension of human life and the hastening of death, although they stem from different principles, conceal the same assumption: the conviction that life and death are realities entrusted to human beings to be disposed of at will.**

*The Dignity of Older People  
and Their Mission in the Church and in the World -  
Pontifical Council for the Laity 1998*

**"We cannot draw back from the dying, as though their state in life made them different. We must embrace them; we are they, but for the passage of time."**

*The Manner of Our Dying -  
National Conference of Catholic Bishops (United States)  
Committee on Science and Human Values 1998*

**"The sickness of a family member, friend or neighbor is a call to Christians to demonstrate true compassion, that gentle and persevering sharing in another's pain."**

*Ad Limina Apostolorum to Bishops of the United States-  
Pope John Paul II -1998*

**"The old and the sick can be persuaded that their lives have become burdensome both to themselves and their caregivers - that they have lives not worth living. But those who would remove through killing, the disability, pain, or depression of the young or the elderly often act with a conflict of interest they do not see - that it is not the lives of those they care for that are unbearably burdensome but their own lives. "**

*Faithful for Life -  
National Conference of Catholic Bishops (United States) 1995*