For over 180 years, our services in Australia have served people with a life-limiting illness through a commitment to excellence in end of life care. This reflects our healthcare tradition of nearly 2,000 years which seeks out those who are vulnerable in any way and responds to them through compassion and accompaniment with the best skills and knowledge available. In this, our ethic of care aligns with the long tradition of Hippocratic medicine. In this seminar, we will explore this commitment to excellence in end of life care, its manifestations nationally and internationally, what it looks like in Victoria in the advent of the ‘Voluntary Assisted Dying Act’, and how we can continue to commit courageously to excellence in end of life care.

Who should attend?
Health, aged care and social services organisation executives, clinicians, managers, mission leaders, ethicists and pastoral practitioners; clergy, parish pastoral associates, academics, nursing and other health and care professionals.

PROGRAM
Morning session: 9:30 for 10:00 am – 12:30 pm (Morning tea on arrival)
Focus: Our Ethic of Care Endures: Setting the scene
1. Learnings from the international perspective – Dr Carol Taylor
2. The Australian context - Dr Dan Fleming, Group Manager Ethics & Formation, St Vincent’s Health Australia
   Accompanied by a panel of experts featuring:
   - A/Prof Bernadette Tobin, Director – Plunket Centre for Health Ethics
   - Dr Nigel Zimmermann, Associate Director of Church Policy, Australian Catholic University
   - Donna Filippich, Legal Counsel, St Vincent’s Health Australia

LUNCH BREAK
Afternoon session: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Focus: How our Model of Care Endures Today
1. Palliative Care report – Dr Ellen Marks, General Manager of Advocacy and Inclusion at One Door Mental Health
2. Communicating our continued commitment to care - Mark Green, National Director of Mission, Calvary
   Accompanied by a panel of Experts featuring:
   - Stephen Lyons End of Life Communications Manager, Calvary
   - Kathy Bowlen General Manager, Media & Communications, St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne
3. Final observations, next steps – A/Prof Natasha Michael Director of Palliative Medicine, Cabrini Health

Cost $120 full day, $65 half day. Refreshments included.
Seminar enquiries to Catholic Health Australia: Susan Sullivan, Director Mission Strategy, susans@cha.org.au, Annette Panzera, Director, Health Policy, AnnetteP@cha.org.au or Emma Hoban, Health Policy Officer emmah@cha.org.au
Keynote presenter
Dr Carol Taylor, RN PhD

Dr Taylor is an internationally recognised clinician and health care ethicist. She is a founding member and previous director of the Pellegrino Centre for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University, and a professor in the Department of Medicine and in the School of Nursing & Health Studies at Georgetown, in addition to her role as Senior Clinical Scholar, Kennedy Institute for Ethics. She serves on the theology and ethics committee of the Catholic Health Association USA and the board of the Bon Secours Health Care system.

Experienced in caring for chronically and critically ill patients and their families, Dr Taylor now works closely with health care professionals who are exploring the ethical dimensions of their practice. She lectures and writes on various issues in healthcare ethics and serves as an ethics consultant to systems and professional organizations. Her research interests include professional and organizational ethics and health care decision making.

Other presenters
Dr Dan Fleming
Group Manager Ethics & Formation, St Vincent’s Health Australia
CHA VAD Response Taskforce Chair

Dr Dan Fleming is Chair of the CHA Voluntary Assisted Dying Act Response Taskforce and Group Manager – Ethics and Formation for St Vincent’s Health Australia, a role which sees him leading ethics education, advice and strategy as well as supporting formation across the St Vincent’s Health Australia network. Dan is also a Fellow in the Law, Health and Justice Research Centre in the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology Sydney. Dan holds a PhD in moral philosophy and theology, and is the author of over 35 publications in the areas of moral philosophy, theological ethics, moral education and theology. His forthcoming book *Attentiveness to Vulnerability* is due to be released in 2018.

A/Prof Natasha Michael, MBChB FRACP FACHPM MRCGP MSc
Director of Palliative Medicine, Cabrini Health
Head of Palliative Medicine, University of Notre Dame, Sydney School of Medicine

Dr Natasha Michael has worked and trained internationally in palliative care, having completed her training in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Singapore, including periods at Our Lady’s Hospice, Harold’s Cross Dublin, Kings College, London the National Cancer Centre, Singapore.

She has led the development of a large integrated palliative care service at Cabrini health over the last 5 years and established the service as a centre for training and research in palliative care. She is frequently an invited speaker on end of life issues including assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Dr Michael is a clinician researcher and her research interests include the areas of care planning and outcome assessment in advanced illness, meaning based interventions, bioethics and use of the humanities in medical teaching and practice.

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Dr Ellen Marks
General Manager of Advocacy and Inclusion - One Door Mental Health

Dr Ellen Marks, Ph. D. is a health policy consultant and the General Manager of Advocacy and Inclusion at One Door Mental Health.

Having trained as a medical scientist, with postdoctoral experience at King’s College London and the University of Newcastle, Dr Marks has turned her skills towards a career in public health in Australia. Formerly, a Senior Health Policy Advisor for Catholic Health Australia, she has advocated for change to health policy ranging from the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS), pharmacy and research to pathology.

Her current work includes work exploring barriers and enablers in accessing care including to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and mental health services in Australia. She has worked with governments and other NGOs to develop strategies for equitable access to care.