

LifeLines

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Euthanasia?... Should I?

The Word of God, the Holy Father,
and Our Bishops Speak.

The Pope Took Her in His Arms

Consuelo Cordoba was determined to die. Her face was disfigured after a vicious attack; she had undergone surgery a hundred times. Yet for over 16 years she had great courage and helped other victims of violence.

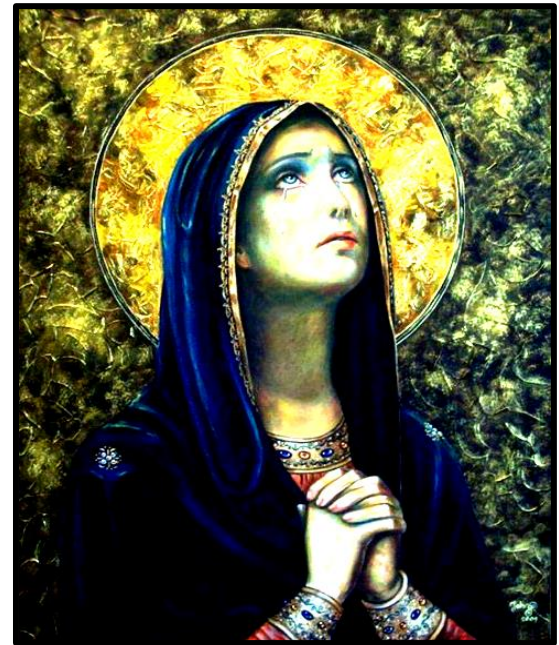
Then a brain ailment led her to wish to die “to put an end to suffering.” Euthanasia was scheduled for Sept. 29, 2017. Nevertheless, she wanted to receive the Pope’s blessing first to “be able to rest in peace.” She was able to contact Pope Francis during his visit to Columbia

“And then he saw me and made a sign to me, like this,” she said, her left arm reaching forward.

“I said to myself: ‘Thank you God, because he is coming for me.’” The Pope took her in his arms and blessed her, putting his right hand on her head and convinced her to continue to live.

“There won’t be euthanasia,” affirmed Consuelo in front of the television cameras.

It was difficult for her to speak, her head covered with a mask, her left eye bandaged. But her right eye was beaming bright with new hope and determination to live for God, until he called her home by a natural death.



Word of God: Wisdom Speaks

**Whoever finds me finds life,
and wins favor from the Lord.
But whoever fails to find me harms himself.
All who hate me seek death.**

Proverbs 8: 35-6

Christ our Pascha:

Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church
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Sometimes because of prolonged and unbearable pain, people may ask for death for themselves or for another. However, such pleas for death are not always a manifestation of a true desire for assisted suicide or euthanasia. In reality the gravely ill person needs love, attention, prayer and spiritual support. Those who are close to the infirm—parents, children, family members, friends and also doctors, nurses, clergy and other members of the church community are called to surround the infirm with such care.

*“Remaining True to Christ,
Now and at the Hour of Our Death”*