

PAL care- International Hospice Day in Egypt  
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Hello everybody, I am professor Mounir Farag, member of the Pontifical Academy for Life. The Pontifical Academy for Life was founded by His excellency Jean Paul the second in 1994. He appointed the first president Professor Jérôme le Jeune, the discoverer of trisomy 21 when he was a dying person. He was appointed as a president for our Academy. The Academy gather members from every culture and religion all over the world. Ordinary members are 60, close number appointed by the Pope himself. The Academy is taking care of the life of every human being, from conception till the natural death. In the last year, within the bioethics argument, there was the argument of terminally-ill patients or dying patient. In 2015, we had in the Academy PAL-Life.

In 2015, the Academy organized a meeting concerning Palliative Care and there is a website concerning PAL-Life. Same year, with Maruzza Foundation taking care of Palliative Care and Hospice globally, we organized two important events: The Charter for the dying child, and in 2017, the charter for Palliative Care for elderly terminally-ill patient. In this charter for adult, we were two from Egypt, together with me, his excellency, Professor Abbas Shouman, the former Deputy for Al Azhar Al Sharif and the general secretary of high scholars of Muslims all over the world. We worked for four days and the charter was concentrating on four perspectives. The human dignity perspective; patients and family perspective; the medical perspective; and Spiritual and religious perspective. Members were from all over the world, international associations for Hospice, European associations for Hospice, from Asia and Africa, and from many religions all over the world.

Today, addressing this message, we are really very enthusiastic to know that there is now a Hospice in Egypt, celebrating the international day for Hospice for terminally-ill patient. When we go through your objective, your service, and the work you are doing, free of charge, we are really honored to have this in Egypt. So we profited, me as a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life in the Vatican, to invite the represented of the Holy See here in Egypt, his excellency Monseigneur Henry Nicolas Thevenin, and later we will invite his excellency Monseigneur Claudio Laurati, the Latin Bishop in Egypt, who is coordinating the work between many religious organizations in Egypt, taking care of terminally-ill patient, going with your support and mutual support together for those, as Pope Francis mentioned, "Neglected Patient" that no one takes care of.

God bless you and bless your work.

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