



**Terri's Day Mass Will Be Celebrated in Memory of
All Victims of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide**

Join Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schiavo and president of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, on May 15th, 2018, for an evening of prayer, remembrance, and hope in the face of America's increasing embrace of euthanasia and assisted suicide at the Catholic Information Center, Washington, DC.

The event will begin with a mass to be celebrated in memory of Terri Schiavo all victims of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Fr. Thomas Petri, O.P., Vice President and Academic Dean of the Dominican House of Studies will celebrate Mass at 5:30 p.m. Following Mass, Fr. Petri will participate in a lively and life-affirming panel conversation with Bobby Schindler and Wesley J. Smith, JD, National Review Online contributor and author of "Culture of Death: The Age of 'Do Harm' Medicine".

Bobby Schindler will share first-hand experiences and lessons from his fight for his sister Terri, as well as the fights for Charlie Gard, Alfie Evans, Jahi McMath, Vincent Lambert, and others. Fr. Petri and Wesley Smith will share insights on Catholic responses to euthanasia and assisted suicide, as well as latest developments and trends likely to impact all families in the future.

Reception to follow event.

Full details and RSVP available below: https://www.cicdc.org/th_event/responsibility-care-euthanasia-victims-can-teach-us/

Background: In 1990, at age 26, a healthy Terri Schiavo collapsed and was diagnosed with a profound brain injury. In 1997, when her estranged husband Michael lobbied to have her feeding tube removed, even though her family pleaded to provide for her care, a national debate unfolded. In response to the urging of hundreds of thousands, Gov. Jeb Bush advocated to keep Terri alive, and Terri's Law was passed in 2003. The law enabled feeding to be resumed but was later overturned. In 2005, with an overwhelming majority, Congress passed a bill signed by Pres. George W. Bush allowing a federal court to intervene and continue food and water, but the effort was overturned, and Terri's feeding tube was removed. She died 13 days later from severe dehydration. Terri, who is listed alongside Nelson Mandela, Pope John Paul II, and Mother Theresa in USA TODAY's 25 Lives of Indelible Impact, was named among those who moved us most in the past quarter-century.

