

The chaplain in face of life and death issues



STORIES OF EVERY DAY LIFE

Narrative part



- 3 stories
- Similarities
- Differences:
 - Caused by the culture of the country
 - Caused by the person of the chaplain and the patient
 - Caused by law

3 chaplains



- **Father Nuno from Portugal**
 - First encounter with a patient
 - Beginning of a chaplain
 - Emphasizes importance of training for end of life issues

3 chaplains



- **Marie Opatrna from the Czech Republic**
 - Dealing of a chaplain with a question for euthanasia in a country where euthanasia is not legal
 - A chaplain who has previously worked as a doctor and thus presents two perspectives

3 chaplains



- **Kathrin Jahns from Germany**
 - Chaplain on palliative care unit
 - Dealing with a young woman asking for assisted suicide
 - Not legal in Germany

Reflective part



- **Axel Liégeois from Belgium**
 - How chaplains in Belgium deal with euthanasia (legal)
 - Conference on pastoral care for people dying through euthanasia which resulted in a book: *Schroomvol nabij* (2008).

Program



- Everyone gets 10 minutes
- 20 minutes of discussion

Discussion

