

# Healthcare Directives and You

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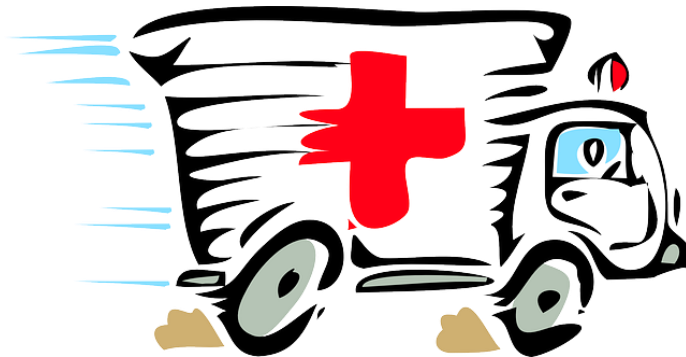
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Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Fireside Room, St. Henry Church, Gresham

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Explore why healthcare directives matter: help with decisions regarding medical treatment and documents before illness, injury, or age related decline while honoring God's gift of life.

*The truth that life is a precious gift from God has profound implications for the question of stewardship over human life. We are not the owners of our lives, and, hence do not have absolute power over life. We have a duty to preserve our life and to use it for the glory of God, but the duty to preserve life is not absolute, for we may reject life-prolonging procedures that are insufficiently beneficial or excessively burdensome. (From U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Services.)*