## Caring for the whole person

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#### LIFE

- Unique gift of God, a journey with a debatable beginning and end
- Marked by two very different events: birth and death
- Those able to maintain a path of wellness usually die well
- Most people die as they live

## Following St Francis

Prayer of St Francis, our guiding principle

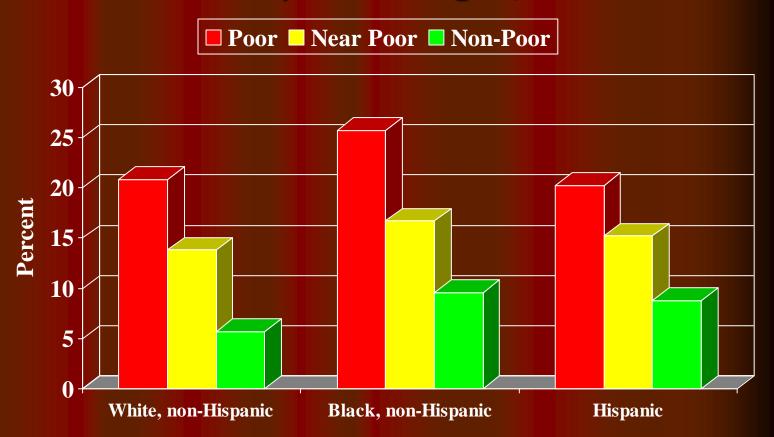
## Components of Total Health

- Physical
- Psychological
- Social
- Spiritual

### Palliative Medicine (WHO)

Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life threatening illness, through prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychological and spiritual.

# Fair or Poor Health among Adults 18 years and older by family income, race, and Hispanic origin, 2004



#### Where is she?





#### A Call to Action

"The only thing necessary for the triumph [of evil] is for good men (& women) to do nothing."

#### Our ASK

- Pay providers for palliative care
- Support our resolution on POLST