



Promotes
quality of life
in Minnesota
communities
through
advance care
planning,
palliative care
and hospice.

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Joe Stanislav, President/CEO
Franciscan Health Community
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Dear Mr. Stanislav,

Minnesota Network of Hospice & Palliative Care (MNHPC) serves as the state's leading palliative and hospice care network, bringing providers, business partners and individuals together to increase knowledge, access services, and strengthen advocacy for people living with a serious illness or experiencing the end of life.

Our Lady of Peace Hospice agency has been a member of MNHPC for the past 12 years. Through their facility, Our Lady of Peace Home, (previously known as "Our Lady of Good Council Home") they have provided end-of-life care since the early 1940's. Their mission is to offer end of life care for community members who are terminally ill, uninsured, homeless, or have no ability to pay.

MNHPC promotes high quality hospice care that is accessible to all Minnesotans. MNHPC's Board of Directors supports the legislative initiative which would permit Our Lady of Peace Home (OLP Home) to operate as a 21 bed residential hospice facility.

MNHPC recognizes that the limitation of 12 beds may not meet the public purpose as evidenced by the desire of other hospices to increase their residential capacities as well. MNHPC supports this exception because it will help make hospice residency more accessible.

Best regards,

Tom Hyder
President