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***Living Catholic in the 808:  
Bedside Evangelization***

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In my ministry with St. Francis Hospice, I often come face to face with death. As I sit at the bedside of those actively journeying towards new life, I am consistently surprised by their calmness, the way they look at loved ones and seem to say "It's OK. Don't worry about me." Their courage and faith evangelizes me in ways I never imagined.

Their acceptance of God's mercy, their trust in His love, speaks volumes more than any Scripture passage or homily I could ever offer them. THEIR example leads me to see what it means to be a Christian in a world of confusion and loss. They challenge me to place my life in God's hands, just as they do, and to say "Your will be done, Lord."

Pope Francis reminds us: "An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's lives. It bridges distances, it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others" (Evangelii Gaudium).

As we meditate on Christ's Death and Resurrection this Lent, let us pray that we too can embrace suffering and loss with confidence in God's love. Let us reach out to those in pain and be the example they need to face life's trials.