



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
The Office for Persons with Disabilities &  
The Office for Life and Family Introduce:

# The Peace in the Storm Project

A pastoral model for accompaniment of  
adults with chronic pain and illness

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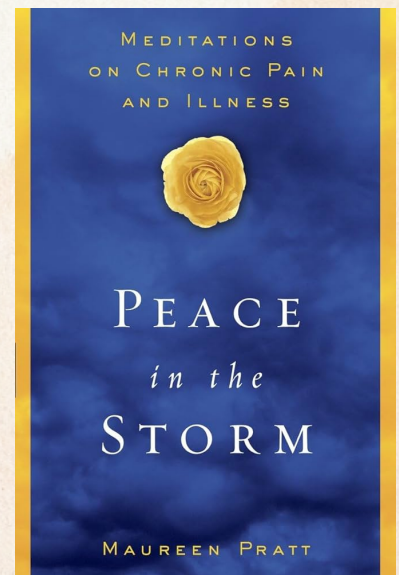
**Thursday, April 11**

2:00 PM or 7:00 PM on Zoom

Participant Choice

## Understanding the Suffering in our Parishes...

- **More than half of adults** in the United States have one or more chronic illnesses, including cancer, autoimmune illness, and diabetes, and/or live with chronic pain.
- **Approximately 70 percent of adults** with chronic illness and pain suffer from mental health issues that spring from the challenges of chronic illness and pain.
- **Many of these adults** are members of **our parishes** but might not be readily known or visible due to their health challenges and often, their questions of faith.



## What can we do to help?

**The Peace in the Storm Project** provides parishes with an intentional and compassionate model of spiritual and pastoral accompaniment with adults with chronic pain and illness. Based on scripture, fellowship, the beauty of Church tradition, and the strengthening grace of the sacraments, The Peace in the Storm Project is encouraging, theologically sound, and easy to implement in any size parish or health care organization and is appropriate for adults with any of a wide range of chronic pain and illnesses including cancer, autoimmune disorders, diabetes and heart disease.

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