

## *Your Health: A Sacred Matter* Press Kit

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(Washington, D.C.) The documentary “Your Health: A Sacred Matter” premiered at the National Press Club in May of 2017 and is now being broadcasts public television stations nationwide. The premiere featured many of those interviewed for the film, including Dr. Christina Puchalski Founder & Director George Washington Institute for Spirituality & Health, Dr. Daniel Sulmasy Professor of Biomedical Ethics Georgetown University, and Dr. Siva Subramanian Chief, Neonatal Perinatal Medicine, Medstar Georgetown University Hospital, in addition to Gerald Krell Producer & Director “Your Health: A Sacred Matter” and producing partner Adam Krell Producer & Director of Photography. The program was underwritten by the John Templeton Foundation.

Photographed on locations nationwide, “Your Health: A Sacred Matter” is a comprehensive overview of the relationship between religion, spirituality, and health. It weaves together compelling individual stories from doctors, patients, nurses, chaplains and caregivers. The lives they share on film are ones of personal transcendence, courage, and dignity. What is really beneath the hundreds of “white coats” found in a hospital? People who have heart! If medical professionals are merely thought of as mechanical chart-readers and prescription dispensers and if pastoral professionals are viewed simply as automatons robotically programmed to read prayers and Scripture, the healing arts will lose their personal, compassionate touch.

Science and religion have long been thought by many to be incompatible at best or enemies at worst. Yet a new wind is blowing through America. Health and spirituality are not two separate worlds within communities. Our health is a sacred matter.

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### *Synopsis*

“Your Health: A Sacred Matter” explores the role religion and health have played historically in Western medicine; the connections between religion, spirituality and health that are increasingly common in contemporary society; the role of religion and spirituality in healer’s lives and their approach to healing. The film discusses how modern biomedical investigations into mind/body connections are challenging conventional views about religion and spirituality in the West and how modern healers respond to a multicultural clientele. Given this moment of apparent transition in the history of healing as it relates to religion and spirituality in the West, we show how this knowledge is being passed on to the next generation of healers as well as the public at large. Through the film, we interpret engaging ways religion, spirituality and health interact in the everyday lives of many Americans.

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