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MC Sullivan, a nurse-bioethicist-attorney, is the Chief Healthcare Ethicist for the Archdiocese of Boston where she is also Director of its *Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning* for the Archdiocese of Boston. She comes to this role from CovenantHealth in Tewksbury MA, where she was the Director of Ethics. At Covenant, Ms. Sullivan provided professional education in ethics to the systems' leadership and boards, its professional and non-professional staffs. She also reviewed and, as needed, created and revised policy for the organization. In addition, she consulted with the health care providers throughout the system on urgent patient care and organizational issues.

She was formerly in private practice, providing strategic counsel in ethics and public policy, ethics and corporate policy, and ethics and law, emphasizing strategic communications in the creation of "the mission and the message" as well as its dissemination and execution. She has worked extensively with commercial organizations as well as not-for-profit organizations, advising them in organizational growth and development, media relations and corporate/organizational social responsibility. Her recent clients have included pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical marketing companies, various health-related organizations, as well as charitable foundations, health care education service companies and marketing groups.

She was also the Executive Vice President of the Center for Practical Bioethics, where she created ethics programs in palliative care and end-of-life care, in ethics and science, and she established and maintained strategic relationships and alliances between the Center and commercial organizations in health care and life sciences, as well as policy groups, NGOs and legislative bodies. Additionally, she was often the media spokesperson for the Center. She has extensive experience in not-for-profit executive management. Leader of the team that developed and implemented the Center's Initiative to Promote Integrity in Biomedical Research, she had previously directed *PATHWAYS*: a multi-year, multi-faceted project that promoted palliative care to improve the care of seriously ill and dying patients, and has worked with community consortia for managed care, hospital, and long-term care ethics committees.

MC took a BA in Philosophy from Emmanuel College, an MTS in Ethics from Harvard University and the JD from Massachusetts School of Law. Between college and graduate school, she became a registered nurse and practiced Critical Care. She is admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.