

## **EDUCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY**

### **RICHARD F. GROVES**

Born in Detroit, Michigan [2.14.51]

- Sacred Heart High School Seminary, Detroit, Michigan [1964-69]

#### Educational Background:

- Saddleback College, Orange County, California [1969-70]
- University of Dallas, Texas [1970-71]
- University of Innsbruck, Austria [1971-73]
- Angelicum University, Rome [1973-75]
  - Bachelor of Philosophy, summa cum laude
- Mount Angel Graduate School, Oregon [1975-77]
  - Master of Arts in Professional Ethics and Master of Divinity Degrees
- Clinical Pastoral Education Certification [1979]
- Georgetown/Catholic University of America, Washington, DC [1979-81]
  - J.C.L., Canon Law, Religious Studies, magna cum laude
- San Francisco Theological Seminary, California [1992-95]
  - Doctoral Candidate, Thesis: Sacred Art of Living and Dying

#### Educator:

- Bio-ethics Consultant for numerous West Coast Health Care Systems [1985-present]
- University/College Professor: History of Western Thought and Culture, Professional Ethics, Philosophy and Comparative World Religions: Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon [1992-97] and Oregon State University in Bend, Oregon
- Director of Health Care Education, Cascades East Area Health Education Center, National AHEC Program [1992-93]
- National Retreat, Keynote/Workshop Speaker [300+ engagements since 1995]
  - Author, Sacred Art of Living and Dying National Certification Program
  - Professional Ethics in Health Care Conferences
  - Aging and Spirituality Retreats
  - Enneagram Educator
  - Created and produced award-winning Circle of Life Conferences
  - Healing Health Care Retreats for Health Care Management/Staff

Author and Producer:

Published Works:

- The American Book of Dying: Lessons in Healing Spiritual Pain, Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, California, 2005, co- authored with Henriette Anne Klauser
- Numerous contributions to periodicals on a wide range of topics focusing on spirituality and health
- Several CD series on Grief, Men's Spirituality and The Art of Discernment distributed by St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati, Ohio

Educational Film and Video Producer:

- Executive Producer, De Sales Adult Faith Development Series [distributed by Franciscan Communications, Los Angeles, CA] A 64 hour series curricula translated into 17 languages
- Producer, Inner Action Video-Print Interactive Study Series. Integrating issues of psychology, health and spirituality for public broadcast
- Co-founder, Morningstar Productions, Portland, Oregon
- Executive Producer of National Hospice Organization PSA reels [1994-98]
- Author and Producer, Sacred Art of Living and Dying film series [in production]

Professional/Ministerial Experience:

- Hospital Chaplain, CPE Certification Program [1974-77]
- Ordained Ministry, Catholic Diocese of Baker [1976-90]
- Assistant Chaplain on U.S. Air Force and Navy bases [1979-83]
- Pastoral Care Director, Franciscan Health Care Systems [1981-89]
- Director of Pastoral Care Services, Hospice of Bend-LaPine [1991-1999]
- Executive Director, Hospice of Bend-LaPine, 1997-98
- Trustee, Board of Directors, St. Charles Medical Center, Bend, Oregon

Awards:

- Two time recipient of NHPCO President's Award for End of Life Education
- Cardinal Bernadin Award for Interfaith Religious Dialogue, 2001
- North Star Life-Time Achievement Award, presented by Cascade Community Health Organization, 2006

## **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

### **RICHARD F. GROVES**

Richard Groves is the co-founder with his wife, Mary, and Executive Director of the Sacred Art of Living Center, a 501c3 not-for-profit educational organization in Bend, Oregon. He is eminently qualified to head the faculty for the Sacred Art of Living and Dying series as the program author which is the fruit of his many years of experience as Executive Director and Chaplain of Hospice of Bend-La Pine in Oregon. Richard has earned four Masters' degrees in theology, world religions, law and bio-ethics. Research for his doctoral thesis focused on diagnosing and addressing spiritual pain from a variety of cultural and psycho-spiritual perspectives. An ordained Catholic priest for 15 years, Richard also served as chaplain in the Oregon Correctional System and as assistant chaplain in the US Air Force. He is a popular keynote speaker and workshop presenter whose work has been acclaimed for its clinical applicability that also speaks to the heart and soul of end-of-life issues. Richard is co-author of *The American Book of Dying: Lessons in Healing Spiritual Pain*. He is also the creator of The Anamcara Project, the first international training program of its kind for health care professionals, faith community leaders and the general public in the Sacred Art of Living and Dying.

## **SPEAKER'S INTRODUCTION**

### **RICHARD F. GROVES**

Richard Groves is an internationally respected teacher of the sacred art of living and dying. A chaplain for more than twenty five years, Richard speaks nine languages and has earned graduate degrees in theology, ethics, world religions and law. Richard and his wife, Mary, are the founders of the Sacred Art of Living Center in Bend, Oregon.

More than ten thousand students around the world, including health care professionals, faith community leaders and the larger public, have graduated from the Groves' spiritual education programs.

Richard is co-author of *The American Book of Dying: Lessons in Healing Spiritual Pain*. His latest creation is The Anamcara Project, a first-of-its-kind internship in the sacred art of living and dying.