

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND NON-MEDICAL DIRECTIVES

Advance Directives:

The policy of the USA East Province is that each member of the Province completes the Advance Directive for Health Care. The Province asks that preferably Jesuits be listed as your surrogate and substitute surrogates. Preferably, these could be the superior and the minister of the community, or other Jesuits in your community. The Province asks, specifically, that those whom you choose, reside near enough to be accessible in case of an immediate need (at least one to be local). List your surrogates by name. A title such as “rector” or “superior” is not sufficient.

It is not mandatory that you specify your wishes, but when you do, INITIAL the space adjacent to your choice. Please remember that the forms are designed to meet legal requirements, and as such may not in and of themselves reflect one’s understanding of Church teaching on the subject.

To be valid, an Advance Directive must be signed by two witnesses (over the age of 18). Requirements and forms vary from State to State.

***Please note that your surrogates should not be witnesses to the Advance Directive.**

Please give the **original** copy to your Superior for the house files. **Photocopies** should be given to the following:

- 1) Yourself
- 2) Your primary physician
- 3) Your Jesuit surrogates
- 4) Member(s) of your family
- 5) Province’s Health Care Office (will forward a copy to the Socius’ office for the Province Personnel files).

Non-Medical Directives:

Each Jesuit is encouraged to complete the “Non-Medical Directive” form, so that non-medical wishes and important contact information are on file with the community and the Socius’ Office.

The appropriate forms may be obtained from the Province office.