



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas April Newsletter

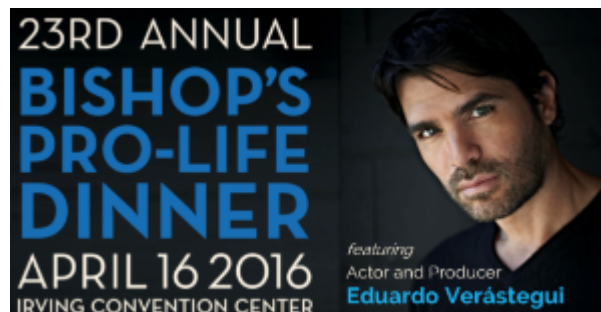


NCBC Conference on Bioethics

This past April 8 and 9, the National Catholic Bioethics Center presented Catholic Health Care Ethics: A Tradition of Compassion for the Human Person. Dr. John Haas (President of the NCBC) discussed "Ethical and Religious Directives: An Overview," Fr. Thad Pacholczyk discussed "Stem Cell Research, the Ethical Dividing Lines," Dr. John DiCamillo discussed "Complex Questions of Cooperation," and Dr. Marie Hilliard discussed "Ethical Approaches to Complications Before and After Birth." Other topics included the ethics of emergency contraception (many Catholic ethicists believe that there are times where it is ethical), end-of-life care and planning, and the determination of death. Overall it was an extremely stimulating and fruitful conference. Many thank to the University of Dallas, the Dallas Diocese, and Christus Health for sponsoring the conference.

Next meeting - Physician Panel with UTSW St. Basil Society

Our next meeting will take place on the campus of UT Southwestern (South Campus Room D1.104) on May 2 at 7 PM. A panel of attending physicians will meet with the UT Southwestern St. Basil Society and discuss how their Catholicity modifies and affects their vocation. Please feel free to attend - the specialties represented will include Adult Nephrology, Neonatology, Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Pediatric Hematology-Oncology. Our medical students will gain much from all who are able to share!



Guild attends Pro-Life Dinner

Several of our Guild members (along with over 2000 other persons) attended the Bishop's pro-life dinner in the Irving Convention Center this past April 16. A live auction raised money for the Dallas pro-life committee and Bishop Farrell provided special comments and a blessing. The keynote speaker was Eduardo Verastegui, actor and producer of pro-life movies Bella and Little Boy. He discussed his conversion story from becoming a glamorous model and actor who led a life of promiscuity to finding the fruitfulness of a life of holiness and purity. More about Eduardo can be found [here](#).



Human Dignity at the End of Life - Conference May 7

The St. John Paul II Foundation will be presenting a conference this May 7th in Houston, titled Human Dignity at the End of Life. Topics will include "Clinical Aspects of End of Life Care" (Dr. John Travaline, Thoracic Surgery), "Advance Directives, DNR, and POLST" (Dr. Arland Richards), and "Artificial Hydration, Nutrition, PVS, and Dementia" (Rev. Thad Pacholczyk). CME will be awarded (up to 7 hours). Click [here](#) for further information and to register.

"The family lives its spirituality precisely by being at one and the same time a domestic church and a vital cell for transforming the world"- Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*



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