



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

August 2014 Newsletter

Next meeting: TEEN STAR

Location: ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST IN PLANO (NOT ST. RITA)



Teen Star (Sexuality Teaching in the context of Adult Responsibility) is an evidence-based, educational curriculum for the following: teens, university students, and pregnant and postpartum mothers, teaching fertility awareness and sexual responsibility. The program is being implemented in over 30 countries and is in place in 4 Dallas locations. In 2014, virginity was maintained by 97-99% of participants of the program, with 40-50% of previously sexually active females and 30-50% of previously sexually active males discontinuing sexual activity.

Dr. Elizabeth Heyne heads the program and will present the curriculum to the Guild. She currently works in the Low Birth Weight Clinic at Children's Medical Center, and recently represented Teen Star at World Youth Day. The event is eligible for 1 hour of ethics CME for members.

The location will be at St. Mark's Parish (1201 Alma Drive, Plano Tx 75075) at the Pastoral Center (Room 208) on Sept 4 at 6:30 PM. You can RSVP by responding to this email. Please bring \$5 to cover food costs.

Last meeting: The Principle of Double Effect

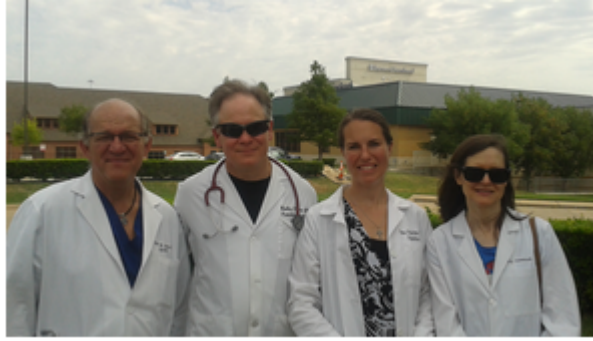


This month, the Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas filled to capacity the St. Joseph's Room at St. Thomas Aquinas to discuss the principle of double effect. Dr. Maria Gove discussed the topic. She is a member of the ethics committee and staff internist at the VA hospital, and completed a fellowship in Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago. As per *The New Catholic Encyclopedia*, there are four conditions for the application of the principle of double effect:

- 1. The act itself must be morally good or at least indifferent.**
- 2. The agent may not positively will the bad effect but may permit it. If one could attain the good effect without the bad effect, one should do so.**
- 3. The good effect must flow from the action at least as immediately (in the order of causality, though not necessarily in the order of time) as the bad effect. The good effect must be produced directly by the action, not by the bad effect - otherwise the agent would be using a bad means to a good end.**
- 4. The good effect must be sufficiently desirable to compensate for the allowing of the bad effect**

Dr. Gove discussed the history, implications, and counterpoints to the use of the principle of double effect. Applications were discussed, such as the application of the principle to the clinical scenario of ectopic pregnancy, treatment of uterine cancer in a pregnant woman, pain control at the end of life, and even certain military scenarios.

Guild participates in Pro Life Vigil at new Planned Parenthood Abortion Center



On Saturday, August 16th, Physicians Guild Members joined hundreds of other Pro-Life Christians outside the new Planned Parenthood Abortion Center in South Dallas (near Methodist Dallas Medical Center) for a prayer vigil organized by the Catholic Pro-Life Committee of Dallas. Wearing their white coats, these members (including Ob-Gyn, Neurology, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Neonatology, and other disciplines) declared their dedication to the health of body and soul of mothers, fathers and babies. Please pray for all the members of the community affected by this center, and please warn all health care workers of the newly-targeted sector of South Dallas by the abortion business of Planned Parenthood.

Guild mourns the loss of Dr. Joseph Kuhn



The Guild is extremely saddened with the loss of Dr. Joseph Allen Kuhn, MD on July 20, 2014. Dr. Kuhn completed his undergraduate at Texas A&M and later finished medical school at UTMB in Galveston. He later finished a surgical residency at Baylor University Medical Center and Surgical Oncology at the City of Hope in California. He last practiced surgery at WLS Surgical Associates.

He attended the National Catholic Medical Association meeting last year in Santa Barbara, and the Guild came to know him as a very loving, devout, faithful father. He was filled with much humility and compassion that was evident to all. His love for and spiritual direction of his children was of utmost importance in his life. He wore his Catholic faith on his sleeve, and was often heard to say "the surgeon does the

destructive work; The Lord does the healing." He was an inspiration to many of us who were able to spend time with him.

Please pray for his wife Mollie Kuhn and their children Kristin (who is a third year medical student at UT Southwestern and is an active member of the St. Basil Society), Courtney, and Kevin. Donations may be made in Dr. Kuhn's honor to the Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center at www.marycrowley.org.

Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble - Psalm 119:165