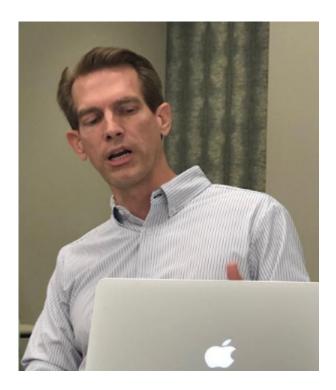


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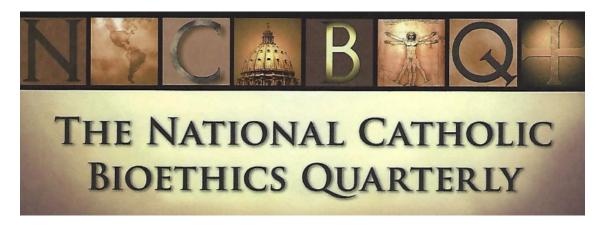
Is it ethical to provide safe injection sites for drug addicts?

In our last meeting, the Guild held a Journal Club to discuss a recent article from the May 2019 edition of Ethics and Medics: Safe Injection Sites and the Ethic of Harm Reduction. In the article it evaluates the moral argument behind providing safe locations and hygienic materials for drug addicts to administer their narcotics. Dr. William Stigall led our discussion, and he also evaluated the morality of a healthcare professional's participation at these sites. One could argue via consequential reasoning that provision of clean materials would

prevent further spread of diseases, so these sites therefore provide a valid moral service. For a healthcare worker who could be participating in this clinic, one must make a moral evaluation of their cooperation in an illicit act. One would assume that participation is not motivated by evil motivations, and that cooperation would be material in nature. And depending on the level of involvement at these sites, a healthcare provider should evaluate whether their participation is immediate (providing for the material necessary for the evil act to occur) or mediate cooperation (providing material not necessary for the evil act to occur). One would also need to decide if cooperation is proximate or remote in participation. For a full evaluation of the morality of these sites, please email cathmeddallas@gmail.com for a copy of the article.

Next meeting- Annual White Mass October 26th at the Cathedral

Bishop Burns will be celebrating our annual White Mass on October 26th at 5:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Healthcare professionals are encouraged to bring their white coats (hence the name "White Mass") to the Mass. All healthcare professionals and their families are invited. Reception will follow at the Grand Salon next to the sanctuary. Further details to follow.



Dr. Tommy Heyne publishes an article in NCBC Bioethics Quarterly

Dr. Tommy Heyne, alum of UTSW Medical School who laid the foundations for the St. Basil Society at UTSW, published an article in the Spring 2019 edition of the National Catholic Bioethic Quarterly Journal titled "A Catholic Approach to Adolescent Medicine." In it, he eloquently discusses the mixed and often contradictory messages that pediatricians (at the lead of the American Academy of Pediatrics) counsel to adolescents. Veering from the experienced guidance that pediatricians have traditionally provided, adolescents are now expected to be provided untoward autonomy with respect to many issues. Motivations towards this postmodern approach have been more politically motivated rather than evidence-based. Click here if you would like to subscribe and read the article.

Save the date - November 9

Please save the date of November 9 for a medical conference to be held at Catholic Charities on Mockingbird Lane (near I-35). More details are to follow; application for CME, CEU, and CLE credits are pending.



DO NO HARM CONFERENCE SERIES

Bioethics: Balancing quality healthcare, good conscience, and cultural pressures

November 9, 2019

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities Dallas

1421 W Mockingbird Ln, Dallas, 75247

National speakers present their expertise on medical issues at the intersection of ethics and science, and provide practical insight on how to navigate challenges to professional conscience.



Father Tad Pacholczyk, PhD National Catholic Bioethics Center



Robert Collins, M.D. University of Texas Southwestern



Peter Wickersham, Esq. Healthcare Law Attorney



Sr. Mary Diana Dreger O.P., M.D. Catholic Medical Association

Registration at www.donoharmconference.org

* Applications for continuing education for physicians, attorneys, nurses, and licensed counselors pending. *











Evaluating the Human Condition Through Truth and Beauty, September 28 - Musical Performance by Eric Genius

The Billings Ovulation Method Association - USA will be holding a muscial event this Sept. 28 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Allen. Its objective is to appreciate the human condition through the music of Eric Genius, and proceeds will support BOMA's education initiatives and Eric's prison ministry. Eric Genius' website can be found here. Please go to BOMA-USA.org website to donate and RSVP at Craig@BOMA-USA.org.



Low Cost Pharmacy in Dallas

St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy provides prescription medication at no cost to residents in North Texas who cannot afford retail pharmacies. Patients must provide a valid prescription, proof of residence, and income verification. For further information to provide for patients, one can visit their site here.

My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him - Hebrews 12:5





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