



## Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas June/July Newsletter

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### Bishop Burns speaks to the Guild

Bishop Burns visited and spoke to members and guests of the Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas on Tuesday evening, June 18, 2019. The event was held at the Commons at St. Rita Catholic Community. The evening started with a meal catered by Maguire's. Thanks to Gena Maguire and Mayra Thompson for putting together such a nice spread. Bishop Burns' remarks started with encouragement - for us to remain firmly rooted in the faith in the course of

performing our profession. He pledged his support for the Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas. He then talked about a document issued by the Congregation for Catholic Education on June 10, 2019: "Male and Female He Created Them; Towards a path of dialogue on the question of gender theory in education". He noted the threat to Catholic education that exists in our own diocese, citing moral relativism and individualism in the area of human sexuality. The document from the CCE provides a broad outline for addressing gender theory, given in light of guidance from the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the encyclicals of St. John Paul II. The Bishop opened the floor to a Question and Answer format. There was a lively discussion; many pediatricians in the guild have had to address this issue in their practice.

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## **Next meeting August 6: Can Reducing Harm be Morally Licit?**

The next meeting will take place on August 6 at 7:30 PM at the St. Rita Commons. The topic will be a journal club article from the National Catholic Bioethics Center from their May 2019 edition of Ethics and Medics. The article is titled Safe Injection Sites and the Ethic of Harm Reduction, and it evaluates the ethics of offering safe, monitored narcotic injections for drug addicts. If you would like to attend and view the article, please RSVP to the sent invite and the NCBC article will be emailed to you. We look forward to engaged discussion on the topic!

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## **Do No Harm Conference Series**

For Healthcare and Legal Professionals

## **Bioethics: Balancing Quality Healthcare, Cultural Pressures, and Good Conscience - Medical Conference on 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). As stated in the title, the theme of the conference is to discuss the struggle of healthcare to balance societal pressures, provide evidence-based medicine, and uphold personal

conscience. Conference talks will be provided by nationally-renowned speakers, including: Fr. Thad Pacholczyk, Ph D; Peter Wickersham, JD; Sr. Mary Dreger, OP, MD; and Robert Collins, MD. We anticipate the day-long conference will be eligible for continuing education credit for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, lawyers, and licensed counselors (credits are being applied for now). Further details will be communicated in subsequent newsletters. For details of our previous conference, click [here](#).



Pope Francis blesses a Catholic physician's stethoscope (Vatican Media)

## Pope Francis Consecrates Physicians to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

"By His compassionate closeness, Jesus showed the infinite love of God our Father for His children most in need."

That was the model Pope Francis held out to members of the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associates (FIAMC), in his address to delegates on June 21. "Jesus, said the Pope, showed compassionate concern for the sick, leading the early Christian community to call Him a "physician".

He drew near to the sick and disabled, who were often marginalized by their contemporaries as sinners.

"Care for the sick emerges, then, as an *essential* aspect of Christ's mission and, consequently, of the Church's mission as well," said Pope Francis.

Read the news article from the Vatican News Agency [here](#)

Read his whole address [here](#)



## **Modern Fertility Awareness for Family Planning and Precision Women's Health**

On October 12, there will be a conference organized by FACTS at the Embassy Suites by Hilton DFW Airport South. Talks include:

- Fertility & Family Planning: The Science Behind Fertility Awareness Based Methods
- The Female Cycle as the 5th vital Sign
- FABMs: Clinical Utility of Fertility Monitoring Technologies
- Fertility Awareness: A Missing Component in Sex Education
- Targeted Diagnosis and Treatment for PMS with FABMs

If you would like to register or learn more about this conference, you can visit the [FACTS website](#)

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*Your mission is a witness of humanity, a privileged means of helping others to see and feel that God our Father cares for every individual, without distinction. To do this, he wishes to employ our knowledge, our hands and our hearts, in order to care for and bring healing to every human being. To each of us he wants to grant life and love.- Pope Francis, in his address to The International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations*

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