

Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

December 2014 Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE - FEB 14, 2014

Enhancing Patient-Centered Reproductive Health Care:

Understanding and Addressing Unmet Ethical and Clinical Concerns

The Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas along with the Catholic Pro-Life Committee of Dallas will be holding a medical conference this February 14th. Dr. Vincent Rue will be speaking on the need for sensitivity and healing of patients post-abortion. He will be discussing the need to clinically recognize and treat mental health issues in these patients. Dr. John Bruchalski, former abortionist and founder of <u>Divine Mercy Care</u> and the <u>Tepeyac Family Center</u>, will be discussing comprehensive reproductive health care through fertility awareness. He will also be discussing physical risks of patients post-abortion. Diana Morin (Discoveries Christian Counseling) will be discussing the healing process and treatment of post-abortive men and women. CME will be offered. Details of location, schedule and registration fees TBD. We will update with more information soon.

January 8 - NaPro Technology: A New Approach to Women's Health



Dr Cassidy attended undergraduate school at the University of Notre Dame and medical school at the University of California, San Francisco and is currently training in the Creighton Model Fertility Care system, as well as Natural Procreative (NaPro) Technology through Creighton University and the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction in Omaha, NE. He plans to obtain certification as a Fertility Care Practitioner and NaPro Medical Consultant after the completion of the program in the next few months. Dr Cassidy currently treats NaPro patients in his family medicine clinic at JPS Hospital in Fort Worth, where he is a second year resident. He plans to complete a fellowship in high risk and surgical obstetrics after residency and, in the future, hopes to pursue his goal of long term service in a developing country, helping to alleviate physician shortages and train the next generation of local physicians in Family Medicine.

Dr. Cassidy will be speaking about NaPro Technology on January 8 (6:30 PM) at Christ the King Parish (6050 Weldon Howell Parkway, meeting room 1), which is on the north side of the church. You can RSVP by responding to this email.

Last meeting - Advent Reflection by Fr. Josh Whitfield



In our last meeting, Fr. Joshua Whitfield, Parochial Vicar and Director of Faith Formation, spoke to the Guild. He discussed the importance of "waiting" during the time of Advent. As we "wait," we realize our frailties, our shortcomings, our mortality, and ultimately, our need for Jesus' presence in our lives. This fruitfulness of waiting comes to fulfillment when we experience during Christmas the birth of our Savior. During his reflection, he also discussed that the practice of medicine also brings us to the same type of experience. As we treat our patients, we again reflect and experience their frailties, mortality, etc. and hence these moments too transform into a need to experience Jesus' presence. We are blessed to be healers (and ministers) in these moments with our patients.

Merry Christmas from the Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

May the joy of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ truly inundate your heart with peace, hope, and fulfillment. The Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas will be praying for you and your family to have a truly blessed Christmas season!

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." Lk 2:11

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