

# **Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas**

## May 2015 Newsletter

## **Catholicity in Practice**



In our last meeting, the Guild held a joint meeting with the medical students of the St. Basil Society at UT Southwestern. Many thanks to our panel of 4 physicians - Mary Hammack (Internal Medicine), Mayra Thompson (Ob-Gyn), Roy Heyne (Neonatology), and Talley Daniel (Neurology) - who shared their professional lives with the medical students. During the panel discussion, each physician discussed how their Catholicity affects their practice of medicine specific to their specialty. Dr. Hammack discussed her dealing with end-of-life issues, Dr. Thompson discussed her life as an academic professor in an environment (and specialty) often inconducive to her Catholicity, Dr. Heyne shared his various career changes in which his Catholicity varied in expression, and Dr. Daniel discussed his witness of his faith through his personal dealings with patients (even drawing the scrutiny of the Dallas County Medical Society).

Thanks to all the MS1's and MS2's who attended with their multiple questions - we hope to have more joint meetings in the future!

#### **Next event: Neonatal Ethics**



In our next meeting, Dr. Heyne will discuss Neonatal Ethics, which was originally planned in March but was cancelled due to inclement weather. He is the Medical Director of the Low Birth Weight Clinic at Children's Health, and graduated medical school from the University of Colorado School of Medicine and completed his residency at Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

As mentioned in the March newsletter, Dr. Heyne will discuss neonatal ethics, but within the constuct of neontology he will discuss the broader assessment of end-of-life issues (and the difficulty of the ethical decisions involved).

The meeting will take place on June 2nd at St. Monica's Parish (9933 Midway Road, Dallas, Tx 75220) at the Family Life Center. Please enter St. Monica's on the Midway street side of the campus - this will lead into the parking lot of the Family Life Center. Please respond to this email to RSVP. <u>This talk</u> will be eligible for one hour of ethics CME credit.



### Check out the the Linacre

*The Linacre Quarterly* is the official journal of the Catholic Medical Association. Continuously published since 1934, it is the oldest journal in existence dedicated to medical ethics. It provides a forum in which faith and reason can be brought to bear on analyzing and resolving ethical issues in

health care, with a particular focus on issues in clinical practice and research. Current articles in the latest edition include:

- Pastoral Care of Patients with Ebola Virus Disease: A Medical and Canonical Opinion about Pastoral Visits to Patients with Contagious and Highly Fatal Diseases
- Of Wholes and Parts: A Thomistic Refutation of "Brain Death"
- Pain Medicine and Palliative Care as an Alternative to Euthanasia in End-of-Life Cancer Care
- Homosexuality and Scientific Evidence: On Suspect Anecdotes, Antiquated Data, and Broad Generalizations

You can check out more of the Linacre here

#### **Diocesan Mass for Persons with Disability and their Caregivers**

On June 27 at The Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Bishop Kevin Farrell will be celebrating a Mass for persons with disability and their caregivers. The Mass will be at the anticipatory 5 PM Mass with reception to follow. Reception will follow in the Grand Salon. It is requested to register for the Mass, which can be done <u>here</u>.

#### **Pope Francis: Let Jesus' gaze change our hearts**

Pope Francis says each of us should ask Jesus to gaze at us and tell us what we need to do to change our hearts and repent for our sins. We should consider whether Jesus looks at us with a call, with a pardon or with a mission. The Pope's remarks came during his homily at morning Mass on Friday (May 22nd) at the Santa Marta residence.

Pope Francis' homily was a reflection on the three different types of looks which Jesus gave to the Apostle Peter. He said these three different looks were one of choosing, one of forgiveness and one of mission.

Read more here

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life - John 8:12