



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

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This month's event- The Biopsychosocial Impact of Contraception



In our last meeting Dr. William Stigall presented an comprehensive discussion on the biopsychosocial impact of contraception. He argues that part of the flawed construct for the moral acceptance of contraception is a pervasive belief in the dualism of man - that perhaps one is able to separate the emotional, spiritual nature from his/her physical nature. The belief that one can achieve the physical desires of human sexuality and separate this from the emotional, conjugal nature of the sexual act is part of the underlying beliefs in the use of contraception. Dr. Stigall provided many studies highlighting that in fact this belief is erred - that human tendencies in physical sexuality does have certain behaviors driving human intimacy and unity, and that contraception confuses this behavior. Dr. Stigall provided numerous (by "numerous," it would not be a stretch that Dr. Stigall presented "hundreds") of studies illustrating that man does

have certain, predictable patterns in sexual behavior and that contraception affects his ability to normally execute the inherent nature that has been given to him (or her).

Next meeting on December 4 - Advent Reflections with Fr. Josh Whitfield
December 4 at 6:30 PM, St. Rita Catholic Community



Our next meeting will take place on December 4th in Sweeney Hall, 6:30 PM at St. Rita Parish. (12521 Inwood Rd, Dallas, TX 75244). Father Joshua Whitfield will be our speaker.

Fr. Whitfield is the Parochial Vicar and Director of Faith Formation and Education at St. Rita, serving RCIA and adult faith formation ministries. A former Anglican minister, he was ordained a Catholic priest through the Pastoral Provision of Pope John Paul II in 2012. He is also the author of Pilgrim Holiness: Martyrdom as Descriptive Witness.

If you would like to attend our talk, simply respond to this email to RSVP.

Interested in hearing more inspirational speakers?



Would you like to hear great speakers such as Bishop James Conley (episcopal advisor to the Catholic Medical Association) who spoke on the "Key to Evangelization," George Weigel who discussed "Evangelical Catholicism in the Healing Professions," or Cardinal Raymond Burke on "Physicians as Standard Bearers in the New Evangelization?" Our [Facebook](#) page has been updated to include talks from the last National Catholic Medical Association Conference, so check it out! We'll be adding more talks soon - it's a great way to get a flavor of the Catholic Medical Association!

Francis receives Catholic doctors: no life is qualitatively more significant than another

Vatican City, 15 November 2014 (VIS) – This morning in the Paul VI Hall Pope Francis received in audience six thousand doctors, members of the Association of Italian Catholic Doctors, on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of its foundation. In his address, he commented that “the conquests of science and medicine can contribute to the improvement of human life, provided that they do not drift away from the ethical root of such disciplines”.

“Attention to human life, especially when it is most in difficulty, in the case of the sick, the elderly, and children, profoundly involves the mission of the Church. She is also called upon to participate in the debate on human life, presenting her outlook based on the Gospel. In many contexts, quality of life is linked predominantly to economic conditions, 'well-being', beauty and the pleasure of life in a physical sense, forgetting other deeper dimensions – relational, spiritual and religious – of existence. In reality, in the light of faith and good reason, human life is always sacred and always 'of quality'. There does not exist a human life that is more sacred than another, just as there is no human life qualitatively more significant than another, simply on the basis of greater means, rights, and economic and social opportunities”, emphasised the Holy Father.

Therefore, he continued, the work of Catholic doctors must offer witness “by word and by deed that human life is always sacred, valid and inviolable, and as such must be loved, defended and cared for”. The profession of medicine, “enriched with the spirit of faith, is a further reason to collaborate with those – even of different religious beliefs or thought – who recognise the dignity of human beings as a criterion for their activity. Indeed, while the Hippocratic oath commits you to serving life, the Gospel leads you further – to love it always and anyway, especially when in need of particular care and attention”.

Click [here](#) to read the rest of the article from Vatican Information Services

“It is dangerous to make man see too clearly his equality with the brutes without showing him his greatness. It is also dangerous to make him see his greatness too clearly, apart from his vileness. It is still more dangerous to leave him in ignorance of both... Man must not think that he is on a level either with the brutes or with the angels, nor must he be ignorant of both sides of his nature ... he must know both” - Pascal