



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

October 2014 Newsletter

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE WHITE MASS!

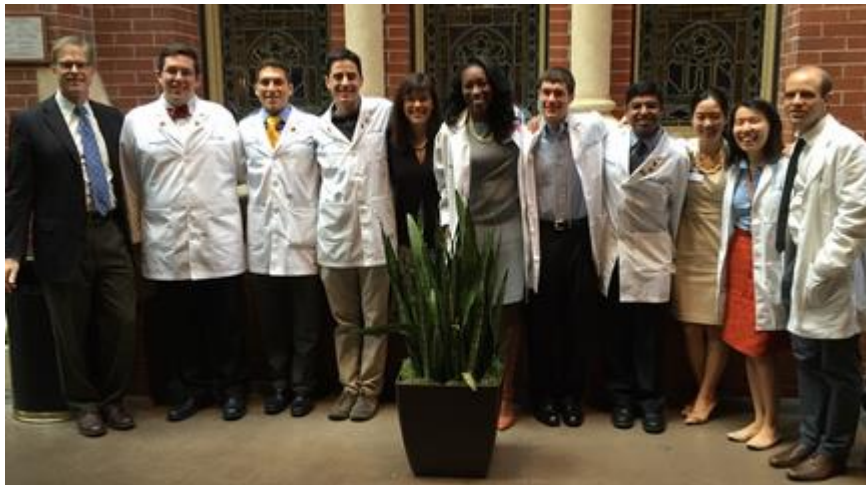


We hope all enjoyed the White Mass at the Cathedral this past October 19th! The Mass was well very well attended! Thanks to Bishop Deshotel who again celebrated the Mass. Many specialties were represented - physicians, dentists, nurses, therapists, students, nurse practitioners, home health care professionals - to name a few. We are very happy that families brought their children. We need a bigger venue next year!



Karen Garnett, executive director of the Catholic Pro Life Committee of Dallas, shared at the reception the latest initiatives of the Pro Life movement in Texas and current legal battles HB 2 is undergoing in court. She mentioned the need for the CPLC to work closely with our Guild in the near future (and we are both in the beginning stages of planning a co-sponsored CME conference for physicians).

Father Jonathan Austin later spoke to the group about the spiritual dimension to the vocation of healthcare, providing inspiration to those in attendance.



Many medical students attended the Mass, and those in attendance also received a "spiritual" white coat ceremony from Father Austin, who gave them a blessing at the reception (their White Coat ceremony at UT Southwestern took place this past month).

May God continue to bless those in our Diocese who provide healing to their patients and may we always reflect God's divine mercy in our work

More pictures of this year's White Mass can be found on our [Facebook page](#).

The Biopsychosocial Impact of Contraception: How the Pill Changes Much More than Fertility

November 6 at 6:30 PM, St. Monica's Parish



In our next meeting, Dr. William Stigall will discuss the studies that illustrate the biopsychosocial impact of contraception. Many studies have shown that contraception modifies behavior in a way that affects emotional intimacy between couples and hence brings greater implications to its use beyond fertility. The meeting will take place on November 6 at 6:30 PM at St. Monica's parish (9330 Midway Road, Dallas Tx 75220) in the cafeteria.

Dr. Stigall graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a Bachelor's of Business Administration. He attended UT Southwestern Medical School and completed residency in pediatrics at Children's Medical Center. He was Chief Resident at Children's and completed fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at Children's. He currently practices in the Pediatric ICU at Medical City Dallas. Dr. Stigall also has a Master's in Philosophy from the University of Dallas where he has also taught Bioethics since 2012.

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

National CMA Holds Conference in Orlando



This past September the National Catholic Medical Association held its annual national conference in Orlando. About 600 participants from around the country attended the conference. The theme of the conference was "Courage in Medicine: Defending and Proclaiming the Faith in the New Evangelization." Very important topics were discussed by inspiring speakers including Austin Ruse, George Weigel, and Cardinal Burke. If you would like to hear some of the talks, we will be downloading them on our [Facebook page](#) (along with more pictures from the conference). Each year the conference is very powerful, we encourage you to join! Next year the conference will be held October 1-3 in Philadelphia, and the theme is "Healing the Wounded Culture: Bringing the Wholeness of Christ to Humanity."



So far, many of our physicians have attended the activities around this fall's 40 Days for Life. Prayer this year is centered around the mega abortion Planned Parenthood center targeting the South Dallas population. Please pray for this community that God's mercy be shown to those involved in this center. We encourage all physicians to participate! More information can be found [here](#).

Please support another 4th-Year Medical Student to become a Pro-Life Family Practitioner!



Sally Dierschke is currently a 4th year medical student at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Originally from the small farming community of Wall, TX, she is currently pursuing a career in family medicine. In the future, she hopes to work with pregnancy crisis centers in providing obstetric and pediatric care for women in crisis pregnancies. She also has an interest in international medicine and is excited to see what opportunities God will bring her way. While not studying, Sally enjoys working as the Vice-President of the National Catholic Medical Association - Student Section. As such, she is working towards increasing students' access to NFP training programs as well as providing direct educational content for them. She is also organizing the first medical mission trip through the CMA. In order to provide the most holistic pro-life, pro-woman, and pro-family healthcare to women, couples, and families, she plans on becoming a certified practitioner and medical consultant for a variety of natural family planning methods. By learning several different methods, she will be able to work with any woman using any method. The next training on her agenda to be completed is through the Creighton FertilityCare system, for which the tuition is slightly outside a med student's budget. First and foremost, please keep her in your prayers. Secondly, if you would like to help support her in this endeavor, please consider a donation towards her tuition here:

<http://www.youcaring.com/tuition-fundraiser/help-sally-become-an-nfp-certified-physician-/245990>.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things - Philippians 4:8