



# St Rita Dallas Physicians Guild

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

April 2013

## Upcoming events

- May 1 – [Prolife Testimony to Texas Legislature](#), Dr Mayra Thompson
- June 5 – [Conversion to an NFP-only Practice](#), Dr Joseph Behan
- Upcoming meeting schedule can be found [here](#)

## Links

- [St Rita Dallas CMA Guild](#)
- [National CMA website](#)
- [UTSW St Basil Society](#)
- [USCCB website](#)
- [National Catholic Bioethics Center](#)

## In the News

[Fifty Days of Easter](#)  
*Teaching, meditations, and prayers during Holy Week can be found at the USCCB website*

## [Praying With Our New Pope](#)

*Reflections by Archbishop Gomez after he concelebrates a Mass with*

## Next meeting's topic: Physician Pro Life Testimony



Dr. Mayra Thompson recently testified in Austin at the current Texas Legislative session this past April. She provided expert testimony regarding Senate Bill 537, proposing to require that abortion facilities meet the same standards of care as ambulatory surgical centers.

Dr. Thompson will share her experience when she testified and also her wisdom with regards to the issue of abortion.

Dr. Thompson is an associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UT Southwestern and practices at the Lowe Foundation Center for Women's Preventative Health Care.

As always, please RSVP to our email address - [StRitaDallasCMA@gmail.com](mailto:StRitaDallasCMA@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you!

## Catholicism in Medical Practice

Last month a panel of 5 physicians shared their experiences in the expression of Catholicity in everyday, medical practice. Dr. Munir Hazbun (Critical Care and Pulmonology, Southwest Pulmonary Associates), discussed the importance of professionalism and integrity in practice and how he must engage in an active prayer life for sustenance.

Dr. Tya-May Julien (Gastroenterology, Baylor) shared how she openly witnessed to her faith by praying regularly with her patients and her staff, keeping Bibles and prayer cards in the office and in patient rooms, and openly discussing her faith in her daily routine.



Dr. Jeff Thompson (Nephrology) spoke about the need for physicians to be

*Pope Francis*

[Pope Francis gives us a model of humility and service](#)

*Article from the Washington Post noticing the humility of Pope Francis*

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“present” to patients – to share in their suffering and joys, to be in solidarity to them – and not just write prescriptions.

Dr. BJ Lanser (Chief Resident, Children’s Medical Center, Fellowship next year in Allergy/Immunology) shared his need for an active prayer life, engaging in resources such as Magnificat, to supplement his daily needs. He mentioned that it was not difficult for him to remain firm on the teaching of the Church in situations that might compromise his Catholicity.

Dr. Tom Andrews (UTSW Cardiology, Parkland) discussed that performing small acts of mortification – such as returning phone calls, filling out paper work, etc. – augmented his spiritual life and were seen by him as a way of service to the poor. The sanctification of our work as physicians is part of our journey towards God. He regularly receives spiritual direction from Opus Dei and actually found his way into the Church through fellow Cardiologists who he practices with.

We thank all who served on the panel and for their insight into their practice of Catholicism in their medical professions!

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## Physicians Guild attends Bishop’s Pro Life Dinner



The St. Rita Dallas Physicians’ Guild attended the Bishop’s 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro Life Dinner. This year’s keynote speaker was Dr. Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, Jr. She spoke about her own personal wounds suffered due to abortion and her road to healing. Dr. King is an avid Pro Life activist and is frequently on national TV


advocating for the lives of the unborn. Dr. King has her own blog at the Priests for Life website which can be found [here](#).

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## National CMA will have Medical Student Boot Camp

The Catholic Medical Association is proud to offer the first annual Boot Camp for medical students in June 2013, in primary partnership with St. Charles Borromeo Graduate School of Theology.

This 4-day intensive experience of prayer, study, practical training, and mentoring with CMA physician members is designed to help students: 1) Survive as faithful Catholics; 2) Organize within medical schools and localities to support one another; and 3) Evangelize their peers, both Catholic and non-Catholic. For more information, see [here](#).



**Death is swallowed up in victory.  
Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting? – 1 Corinthians 15:55**