



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

August 2013

Upcoming events

- Sept 5 – Conscience Protection for Physicians, Tom Brandt JD
- Oct 19- Annual White Mass at the Cathedral
- Upcoming meeting schedule can be found [here](#)

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In the News

[Pope Francis: Make Christianity a Way of Life, Not a Label](#)

Pope Francis told the faithful gathered for the Sunday Angelus that they must live a Christian life rather than let Christianity become a mere label in their

CME available at next meeting: Current State of Conscience Protection for Physicians



Tom Brandt, JD will speak September 5 (note the date change) to the Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas on the “Current State of Conscience Protection for Physicians.” He will touch on a number of topics including: freedom of religion versus freedom of worship, natural law as a source of conscience protection, the First Amendment as a source of conscience protection, the Federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the proposed Health Care Conscience Rights Act. Mr. Brandt is a member of the St. Thomas More society, serving as President from 1999-2001. He is a 1985 graduate with a joint degree (J.D./M.P.A.) from the University of Texas Law School and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

Tom serves as head of the local government and employment law section at Fanning Harper Martinson Brandt & Kutchin, P.C. He has handled significant cases at every level of the state and federal courts, including numerous cases before the appellate courts, the Texas Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

For those who are members of the guild, one hour of ethics CME will be received for participation in the meeting. Please RSVP at physiciansguild@dallascatholic.org.

This Year's White Mass

lives.

[Catholic Medical Association sees growth in troubled times](#)

The Catholic News Agency reports on the growth of the CMA.

[March on Washington Anniversary: Time To Face Unmet Goals](#)

The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom calls people to address poverty, racism and class inequality, said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity.

[Restoring the Beauty of the Human Person: Psychological healing through the light of Christ](#)

The Catholic Psychotherapy Association will have its national conference in Dallas on November 7-9

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at the Cathedral October 19th



The annual White Mass will take place on October 19th at the Cathedral Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (2215 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75201). The White Mass, so named by the color worn by those in the healing profession of medicine, gathers health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask God's blessing upon the patient, doctor, nurse, and caregiver alike.

Last year the White Mass was a very well-attended event and we are once again excited to meet everyone for this year's Mass at the Cathedral. All healthcare workers are invited, so please invite any other co-workers who are responsible for patient care. It is a wonderful event if you have not yet been to one of our meetings and would like to fellowship with us.

Bishop Deshotel will be our celebrant for the Mass and there will be reception to follow. We are also in need of 2 readers and 4 ushers. If you are interested, please email us at physiciansguild@dallascatholic.org.

If you plan to attend the event, we ask that you RSVP, which can be done [here](#).

Meeting Day and Location Change



Our monthly meeting date and room location has been changed (this is the reason we had to abruptly cancel the last meeting). We still will be meeting at St. Rita's Catholic Church, but due to scheduling issues, the meeting has been moved to Sweeney Lounge on the first Thursday of each month. Sweeney Lounge is very near to the cafeteria where our meetings were previously held, and we will make sure that there is signage visible for our meetings. We are hoping that the change might allow more to attend, although we realize that often other events take place on Thursday nights.

National Catholic Medical Association Conference in Santa Barbara, CA Oct 24-26



The 82nd annual educational conference of the CMA will be held Oct 24-26 in Santa Barbara, CA. The theme of this year's conference is "Mission, Justice, and Medicine." The conference's focus is to understand and develop just and sustainable solutions for the challenges in health care through the application of Catholic social teachings. Speakers will review the history and principles of Catholic social teachings, including the fundamental concepts of human dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity, and how their application can help to address the present crisis in health care.

Each year, the National Catholic Medical Association presents a powerful conference in which faithful Catholic physicians collaborate, pray, and exhort. Each day there will not only be great speakers but also Rosary, Mass, Confession and Adoration. Last year the Vatican issued a plenary indulgence to those who attended the conference.

If you would like to register or learn more about the conference, click [here](#).

Gratitude for service



We thank Dr William Moore who volunteered to be the on-call physician at the Dallas Catholic Youth Conference which took place this month.

The Diocese reached out to our Guild to provide physician services for the event, so in the future we might be asked to provide staff services at other Catholic affairs.

The greatest political storm flutters only a fringe of humanity. But an ordinary man and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children literally alter the destiny of nations – GK Chesterton