



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

August Newsletter



Deacon Stump Discusses the Ethical Religious Directives

At our last meeting, Deacon Charlie Stump (Director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese) discussed Part 5 of the Ethical Religious Directives: Care of the Seriously Ill and Dying. The directives were published by the USCCB in 2009 as directives for all Catholics in healthcare. Each chapter covers a specific topic of healthcare. In part 5, the narrative revolves around end-of-life care. So Deacon Stump detailed topics discussed in the chapter, such as: the need for informed consent, the moral obligation to use proportionate means of preserving life (and the call to forego disproportionate or extraordinary means), the moral obligation to provide basic hydration (if not "excessively

burdensome to the patient"), and the impermissibility of euthanasia or tissue donation from direct abortions. There are other topics in the chapter. As expected, there was much discussion from all physicians, as most of us had personal experience with many of the issues.



DO NO HARM CONFERENCE FOR
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Enhancing Patient-Centered Reproductive Health Care: Understanding and Addressing Unmet Ethical and Clinical Concerns

**Groundbreaking Conference this September 12th at Medical City -
early registration discount ends August 31st!**

Less than a month remains until our conference Enhancing Patient-Centered Reproductive Health Care. We encourage you to please register ASAP, as early bird rates end August 31st. You have already seen our emails discussing the content of our conference. For a beautiful video of one of the speakers, Dr. John Bruchalski, click [here](#). Even though the discussion of this topic is often filled with stereotypical soundbites, Dr. Bruchalski's aim is to promote evidence-based, honest, respectful dialogue on the topic of abortion. It is hoped that through the conference we will incorporate greater evidence-based knowledge on this topic, with greater compassion for people who have been involved with abortion.

For more information on the conference, and to register, go to www.donoharmconference.org.



White Mass on October 17th - Bishop Farrell to celebrate!

This year's White Mass will take place on October 17th at The Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe (2215 Ross Avenue Dallas, Tx 75201). We are excited that Bishop Farrell will be celebrating the Mass for us. A catered reception will follow in the Grand Salon next door to the sanctuary. Please invite ALL healthcare professionals (clinical staff, business staff, engineering staff, students, etc.) Children are also welcome. Please wear your white coat at the event (which is the reason for the name "White" Mass). We will also be collecting annual dues for members. Please email us for questions. More details of the event will be forthcoming.

We have a new website: www.cathmeddallas.org

The Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas is now a non-parish based organization (the last 2 years we were a Diocesan organization). Hence, we are no longer on the website of the Dallas Diocese. We have a new website address found at www.cathmeddallas.org. Also our new email address is cathmeddallas@gmail.com

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