



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas March Newsletter



"Healing Pornography"

The Guild presented a video recording of a talk from the National CMA conference in Philadelphia last fall, featuring Dr. Peter Kleponis PhD. He began his talk by defining pornography as any image which leads a person to use another person for his/her own sexual pleasure; he then characterized an addiction to pornography as a pathological relationship with sexual images as mood altering "substances." He indicated that such an addiction often involves an attempt to deal with a deep emotional wounds (e.g. abuse, marital problems, abandonment, attachment issues). Such wounds involve 5 faulty core beliefs which revolve around the person's unworthiness, presumed inability of others to meet his needs, the most important of which is sex, which then leads the person to turn to pornography as the greatest source of comfort and the only thing that can salve the wound. Recovery is 3 tiered: sobriety (stop using

pornography), inner healing of the wound, and allowing transformation of oneself into a whole new person by God. This involves seven steps: 1) self-knowledge whereby one takes full responsibility for one's addiction/weakness, 2) purification whereby one gets rid of all pornography and develops the ability of looking at women as persons rather than sex objects, 3) support groups, 4) counseling to deal with deep emotional wounds, 5) spiritual planning to realize God as someone who can/will heal you, 6) education re healthy sexuality, and 7) moving from vice to virtue. Obstacles to recovery include shame, fear of consequences, denial, selfishness, and pride.

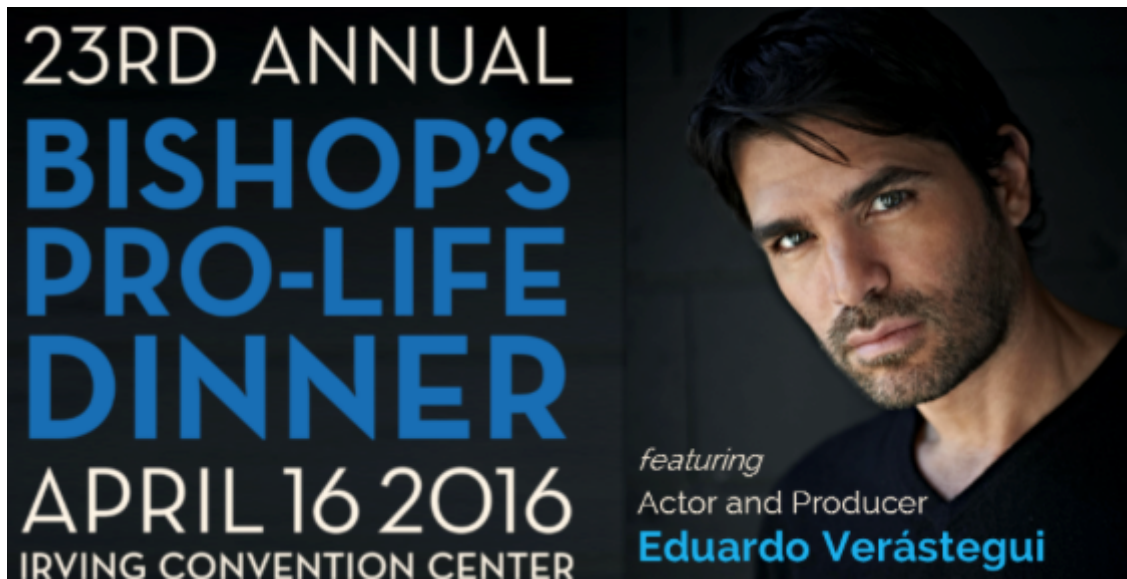


NCBC Conference April 8-9!

Less than 2 weeks remain before the NCBC conference on April 8-9 at the University of Dallas! Renowned speakers such as Fr. Thad Pacholczyk, Dr. John Haas, and Dr. John Brehany (previous executive director of the National CMA) will be presenting. Topics will include:

- Assisted Reproductive Technologies
- Prenatal and Neonatal Complications
- Stem Cell Research and Cloning
- Ordinary and Extraordinary Means
- Determination of Death and Organ Transplantation
- Issues of Cooperation between Catholic and Non-Catholic Institutions

See the [NCBC website](#) for more information and to register!



Reserve a seat now for the Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner

The annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner will take place this April 16th at the Irving Convention Center. Eduardo Verastegui is the keynote speaker (ex-model and current filmmaker of **Bella** and **Little Boy**). So far the request for tables have doubled compared to this time last year - so if you are wanting to attend, register quickly!. More information can be found [here](#).



White Rose Womens Center to Provide Comprehensive Care for Women

As a part of its ongoing efforts to save the unborn, and with the goal of providing comprehensive care for women, White Rose Women's Center

launched the Magdalene Program in 2013. The Magdalene Program strives to help White Rose clients by offering a structured, faith-based program incorporating education, mentoring, support, and material assistance - coupled with free pre-natal care that respects their dignity as women. Last year, the White Rose enrolled 65 mothers in the program, with 29 babies being delivered by Dr. Joseph Behan.

On January 22nd of 2016, the White Rose expanded the Magdalene Program by formally launching its wellness clinic for women. The Magdalene Clinic currently operates through referrals from White Rose centers, and offers free well woman exams, STD testing, and Breast/Cervical Cancer screening. All services are provided at the clinic by Dr. Joseph Behan. White Rose clients (and/or Magdalene Program participants who have already delivered their babies) are now able to benefit from high quality, pro-life healthcare that is faithful to the teaching of the Catholic Church. Unlike publicly funded women's clinics, the Magdalene Clinic volunteer physicians and medical professionals that will **never** refer for contraception, sterilization, or abortion.

If you would like to volunteer with the Magdalene Program and Clinic, please contact the Clinic Director, Kay Klauck, RN at [\(469\) 232-9472](tel:4692329472).



Joint conference of two great medical academies

We would like to congratulate the American College of Pediatricians and the American Academy of Pro Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists for their presentation of the 2016 Matthew Bulfin Educational Conference. Both organizations uphold viable ethical and moral alternatives in the specialties of Pediatrics and Ob/Gyn. Board members of our Guild attended the conference, and more information on the talks can be found [here](#).

He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again - Luke

24:6-7



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