



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas December Newsletter



Advent Reflection December 4

On December 4, Fr. Michal Markiewicz provided us a meditation for this Advent season. "In Christmas we are reminded that God came to be a part of history and to be a part of our experience," he noted, and that "we do not have a God who is detached." He came to be a part of our human experience, inclusive of joys and suffering - and suffering is not accidental but a part of salvation history. "Physician suffering" can take many forms such as hard work, long hours, and government intrusion. He reminded us that God will always be with us, and offered up the example of the fiery furnace from the Book of Daniel. Meshack, Shadrack, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace because of their beliefs and convictions, but God delivered them from harm. Often the solution to our suffering can be made easier by apostatic sacrificing of truth, but

God will always be with us in our trials.



Medical Mission to Chiapas, Mexico

Are you interested in medical mission work? Helping Hands Medical Missions has assembled medical teams of doctors that serve in the Philippines, Mexico, El Salvador, Brazil, Ghana, Guatemala, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Uganda. Services include surgeries, eye care, consultations, and distributions of medications, follow-up of surgical patients house calls and Natural Family Planning instruction. The participants also take part in the mission's spiritual program. Aspects of the mission includes daily prayer, Mass, meditation, and sharing the faith with the people of the town through home visits. There will be a medical mission to Chiapas, Mexico from March 8-16 and the mission fee is \$700 which is inclusive of travel and accommodations. If you are interested, please email the Guild or visit the [Helping Hands Medical Mission website](#).

Dr. Thompson speaks at Watermark

In a very unique opportunity the Catholic Physicians Guild was able to partner with Dallas Watermark Church in their new Life Initiative. Watermark church sponsored a panel discussion regarding recent issues and the abortion regulations in the state of Texas. Dr. Mayra Thompson shared the stage with

government representatives, Texas Right to Life and other pro life organizations.

Dr. Thompson presented the medical and surgical aspects surrounding abortion as well as the psychological effects. The panel fielded questions from the audience that clarified the current state of abortion, the laws, and current movements that are underway to help limit and eventually eliminate abortion in our country.

She also spoke on bioethics to the sophomore CCD class at Mother of Perpetual Help in Garland. She reviewed the science behind stem cell research, cloning and assisted reproductive technology from a Catholic perspective.



**Merry Christmas from the Catholic
Physicians Guild of Dallas**

Christmas is a busy time of covering others' call, closing charts, academic evaluations, etc. - so often the business of this time can be overwhelming. May the true meaning of Christmas shine forth this season- a time of peace, joy, and hope. May Jesus become more real to us in our lives this Christmas season.

Let us ask ourselves: Do I really need all these material objects and complicated recipes for living? Can I manage without all these unnecessary extras and live a life of greater simplicity? - Pope Francis, Dec. 25



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