



St Rita Dallas Physicians Guild

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

December 2012

Upcoming events

- Advent Dinner, 7 PM on December 3 at Sweeney Lounge
- January 2 – [The Conversion Story of a Catholic OB-Gyn Physician and His NFP-Only Practice](#) by Dr. Joe 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

[Missouri business granted injunction against HHS mandate](#)
A federal appeals court on Nov. 28 granted a Catholic business owner in Missouri an injunction against the Department of Health and Human Services mandate

St Rita Physician Guild Advent Dinner



Everyone is invited to the upcoming Advent Dinner to be held this coming December 3 at 7 PM (yes, we know that is short notice – we apologize). It will take place at Sweeney Lounge at St. Rita Catholic Community. Monsignor Robert Coerver (the chaplain for our Guild) will be speaking to us and his topic will be “[Preparing Your Heart during Advent and the Year of Faith.](#)”

Dinner and dessert will be provided. We hope to see everyone there for fun, fellowship, and spiritual nourishment!

Bishop Seitz discusses “Physician Saints”

Auxiliary Bishop Seitz spoke to our Guild about “Physician Saints.” Starting with St. Luke, there have been many examples of persons who have been able to blend both their faith and their professions as physicians. This included



Saints Damian and Cosmos, twins who practiced medicine in Asia Minor and did not accept pay for their services and in so doing attracted many to the Catholic faith. They were eventually executed during the Diocletian persecution for not recanting their faith.

The most recent physician to become a saint was St. Gianna Beretta Molla, a pediatrician and mother of four. She was a devout Catholic who sought to balance her professional life as a pediatrician and her

[Support for teen emergency contraception access deemed 'foolish'](#)

Doctors and pro-life advocates warn that the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendation of emergency contraceptives for teenage girls promotes unwise and "risky behaviors."

[Pope urges support for children affected by AIDS](#)

Pope Benedict is lending his support to combatting HIV/AIDS, with a special focus on advocating for children who receive the disease from their mothers.

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family life as a wife who raised her children with strong emphasis on spiritual formation. During this time she still was involved in lay work for the Church. She eventually died when she suffered complications from a myomectomy, which was done when it was discovered that she had a fibroid during her fourth pregnancy and she declined to have the recommended hysterectomy and abortion.

Bishop Seitz challenges us all to become the next saints – those who are able to witness through their practice of medicine to the healing touch of Jesus Christ.

Honduran Medical Mission Trip

The Honduran Medical Mission Trip will take place from March 4- 10, 2013. The team will be joining St. Rita's sister parish, Virgen de los Remedios of Sonaguera for this annual evangelization and medical mission. It is organized in coordination with the Dallas Diocese.



The trip is in need of doctors, nurses, translators and those interested in spreading the faith and love of Christ to those in need.

Sonaguera is located in the northeastern portion of Honduras one hour inland of the Caribbean coast. The mission is unique in that teams work together and with the sister parish missionaries, Honduran doctors, and nurses who also volunteer to serve the very poor from the surrounding mountain communities.

If you would like to join us or to get more information please contact the parish nurse, Bernadette May R.N. bmay@stritaparish.net

Pope Benedict's Address to Participants of Health Care Workers Conference

On November 19th, Pope Benedict XVI received participants in an annual conference sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers. This year, those taking part in the three-day gathering focused on the hospital as a place of evangelization.

Pope Benedict encouraged all health professionals and volunteers to recognize that their work is a human and a spiritual mission for which the Church's expertise in the experience of suffering is indispensable. "In the mystery of suffering," "let the glory of the Risen Christ shine through."

In concluding, the Pope had a special message for sick and suffering people, telling them, "Your silent witness is an effective sign and instrument of evangelization for the people who care for you, and for your families, in the certainty that 'no tear, nor of those who suffer or those close to him, goes

unnoticed before God.”

Click [here](#) to read the whole address

Other Reminders....

- Free CME credits for those who renew their annual memberships. Starting later this month we will be able to renew memberships through our [website](#) – please check back soon.
- Please get the word out about our organization! Check with your parish and ask them if they could put announcements about us in your weekly bulletins!

“Everyone works in the service of man. We doctors work directly on man himself... The great mystery of man is Jesus: 'He who visits a sick person, helps me,' Jesus said... Just as the priest can touch Jesus, so do we touch Jesus in the bodies of our patients... We have opportunities to do good that the priest doesn't have. Our mission is not finished when medicines are no longer of use. We must bring the soul to God; our word has some authority... Catholic doctors are so necessary!” – St. Gianna Beretta Molla