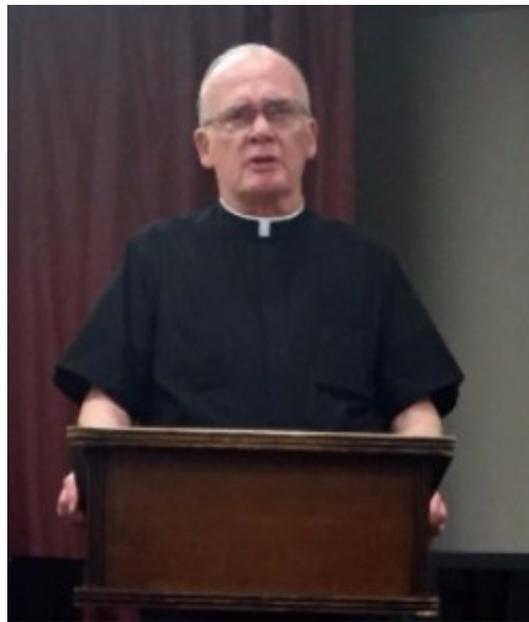


Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas December Newsletter



Advent Reflection by Fr. MacGuire

At our last meeting Fr. Robert MacGuire of the Cistercian Abby offered an Advent Reflection for the Guild. He spoke about the need for physicians to have an "eye of an eagle, heart of a lion, and the touch of a woman." "Eye of and eagle" - the trait that the physician must be acute in their surveillance, diagnosis, and treatent of disease. "A heart of a lion" - that one must have the strength and compassion in caring for patients. "The touch of a

woman" - the ability to be gentle and tender in our attitude.

He encouraged us to use Advent as a time to "straighten the path for the Lord," by way of meditation and quiet, especially through availing of the sacrament of confession. Through confession we can experience "the floodgates of mercy."

Much discussion followed, as the group shared its own personal, spiritual experiences.

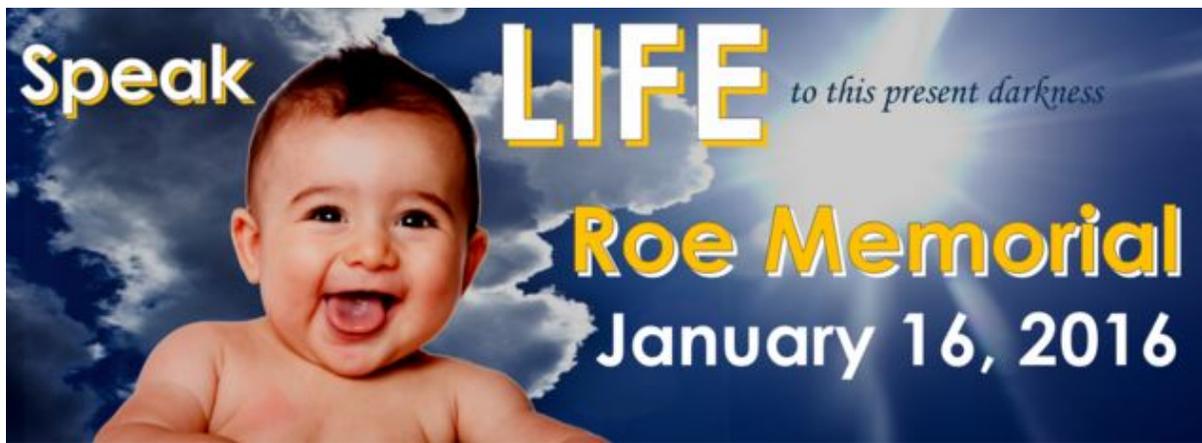
We thank Fr. MacGuire for blessing us with his presence!

Theology of the Body for Healthcare Professionals

On January 5, Monica Ashour (executive director of [TOBET](#) - Theology of the Body Evangelization Team) will be speaking to us. Monica received a Masters in Theologic Studies and also a Masters in Humanities from the University of Dallas. Our Sunday Visitor named her "one of the top 10 speakers in the nation." Her topic will be "Theology of the Body for Healthcare Professionals" and will take place at 7 PM at the Family Life Center (Room 109) at St. Monica's.

For those who might be unfamiliar, the Theology of the Body is St. Pope John Paul II's first public teaching, speaking to the meaning of human sexuality and its transcendent meaning in salvation history. It is regarded by many as one of the most important teachings in the modern Church.

Monica has reflected on its meaning to physicians and other healthcare professionals- please invite any non-physicians to attend. All are welcome!



Save the date- March for Life is January 16

The Catholic Pro Life Committee of Dallas has released the [schedule of events](#) this January 16th, starting at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. A rally/concert will begin at 11:30, followed by a Procession of Roses, Mass, and a Rally for Life.

Bishop Farrell, Pastor Tony Evans (Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship), Mariana Schroeder (Respeto a la Vida de Fort Worth), and Jewels Green (former abortion worker) will be speaking. Please save the date!

The Year of Mercy has begun!

With the opening of the great bronze doors at the Vatican, Pope Francis kicked off the Year of Mercy for our Church. We are encouraged, especially as physicians and healthcare workers, to communicate God's mercy to others and our patients.

Pope Francis wrote a bull of indiction, which can be read [here](#).

Merry Christmas from the Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas!

From the board of the CPGD, we would like to wish all a joyful, peaceful, and

merry Christmas! May we all rejoice in the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ!



Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice! - Philippians 4:4



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