



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

February 2015 Newsletter

Dr. Roy Heyne - Neonatal Ethics

In our next meeting, Dr. Roy Heyne will discuss ethical issues in neonatology. Dr. Heyne is the Medical Director of the Low Birth Weight Clinic at Children's Health. He graduated medical school from the University of Colorado School of Medicine and completed his residency at Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

Neonatologists make frequent evaluations on the morality of life preservation, intervention, etc. and regularly use their formed moral foundations within the routine NICU environment. Dr. Heyne will discuss some of these issues. He asks that prospective attendees fill out a survey prior to his talk to stimulate thought on these issues (and you can get a flavor of the issues that will be touched upon). The survey may be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/86YPXLK>.

The meeting will take place at St. Rita's Catholic Community (1251 Inwood Road, Dallas, Tx 75244) on March 5 at 6:30 PM in Sweeney Hall.

Please RSVP to this event by replying to this email. All are invited - we ask for \$5 to cover the costs of food.

Last meeting - Dr. Fred Cerise, Parkland CEO



Dr. Fred Cerise, CEO of Parkland Health and Hospital System, spoke at our last meeting discussing the challenges of serving the indigent. With the advent of the Affordable Care Act, we have been able to provide health insurance coverage for more people, which at face value seems to be a benefit to society at large. However, the implementation of the law still leaves many holes in healthcare that are not yet solved (such as lack of universal coverage). Dr. Cerise discussed the ACA's impact on Parkland, and during an open discussion period, other physicians voiced issues in their own practice - issues of equity, issues of quality vs. cost savings, issues of accessibility, etc. Obviously a tremendous issue with many complexities, much time was spent debating the topic that currently has few clear solutions.

We thank Bishop Deshotel who also attended the talk and gave a blessing to those in attendance.

Catholic Physician Guild dues

If you have not paid your dues for 2014, please pay your dues. We apologize, as we didn't put in any reminders last year (in the meetings or newsletter) to pay the 2014 dues. You can send a check in by mail to:

Catholic Diocese of Dallas
Attn. Dcn. Charlie Stump
3725 Blackburn Street
P.O. Box 190507
Dallas, TX 75219

The link to pay online is not currently working. We hope to have this functionality up and running soon.

Medical Student and Resident Boot Camp June 16-21



All medical students and residents are invited to the National Catholic Medical Association's Annual Boot Camp. The event will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary outside of Philadelphia, PA and will feature renowned speakers (both clergy and physicians). The CMA Medical Student and Resident Boot Camp is a 4-day intensive experience of prayer, study, practical training, and mentoring. For many who attend the week, they find it an extremely powerful experience. For those who are interested, more information can be found [here](#) on the CMA's website. Click on the picture above for an informational video of the camp.

National CMA weekly reflections during Lent



The National CMA is emailing its members weekly reflections called EMBERS during the season of Lent. EMBERS are meditations appropriate to the season and are presented by CMA member Thomas McGovern, MD. If you are a member and are not receiving this email (or other emails from the CMA such as "Snapshot"), please let us know.

2018 Annual National CMA Conference will be in Dallas

We are pleased to announce that Dallas has been chosen to host the Annual National Catholic Medical Association conference in 2018 (after Philadelphia this year, Washington DC in 2016, and Denver in 2017). Members of the National Board met this past month with local members and began discussions on the planning . We are excited that we have been chosen!

Classes to become a Billings Method Teacher

BOMA-USA will be holding Billings Method Teacher classes from March 26-29 at UT Southwestern. Costs are \$575 per person and \$675 per couple. Please click on [BOMA-USA website](#) for more information.

***"Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him."* - Pope Francis, [Message for Lent 2015](#)**