



# St Rita Dallas Physicians Guild

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

January 2013

## Upcoming events

- February 6 – [Organ Donation and Cardiac Determination of Death](#)
- March 6 – [Meaning of Christian Suffering](#)
- 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

- [U.S. States' Pro-Life Legislation in 2012 Deemed Historic](#)
- [An \*Americans United for Life\* survey reports 'significant victories for life' in state-level legislation last year](#)

- ['Emergency contraception' increases STD rates, does not reduce](#)

## February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting – Cardiac Death Determination (CME will be available)



Dr. Tom Zellers, cardiologist at Children's Medical Center, will be presenting the next lecture: [Organ Donation and Cardiac Determination of Death](#). This topic has been much on the mind of physicians and bioethicists as they try to grapple with the moral interpretation of death in situations where medicine is able to preserve cardiac function in end-of-life clinical scenarios. This increasingly becomes an issue when physicians

must determine death, discontinue life support and consider organ donation. Many issues must be considered, especially to the Catholic physician - dignity and respect for integrity and totality of the patient, proportionate and ordinary vs. disproportionate and extraordinary care, among many other issues - that must be taken into account to make the most precise determination of cardiac death and most humane approach to organ donation. We will discuss many of these issues at our next meeting, and discussion will be derived from an article from the journal of the National Catholic Bioethics Center. The paper is attached to this email.

Dr Zellers is Chief Medical Officer at Children's Medical Center of Dallas and is a Pediatric Cardiologist specializing in Interventional Cardiology. He attended University of Texas Southwestern for medical school, completed residency at University of Virginia, and finished fellowships at Mayo Clinic and Baylor College of Medicine. He is the Vice President of our Guild.

Participation in this event will qualify for 1 hour of ethics CME accredited through Children's Medical Center of Dallas. Only members will be able to receive credit (see below to become a member of the guild).

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## January Guild Meeting

## [abortions, new study finds](#)

*A new study has found increased access to “emergency contraception” increases the rates of sexually transmitted diseases, while doing nothing to reduce the number of abortions.*

## [Stanford Inaugurates Nation’s First Legal Clinic for Religious Freedom](#)

*‘One of a kind’ program will train law students to litigate religious-freedom cases.*

## [Contact Us](#)

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We apologize that we had to cancel the last meeting, as Dr. Behan became sick shortly before his planned talk. He was to share on his conversion to an NFP-only practice. Many of you who have written endless prescriptions of Tamiflu probably recognize the amount of upper-respiratory illness currently ongoing, so you can appreciate Dr. Behan’s disposition when he was unable to speak.

We plan on inviting Dr. Behan back soon so he can speak to us another time. We’ll try sometime later in the year when an epidemic of influenza is not taking place!

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## **Annual Membership Renewal now available through our website**

If you have not become an official member of the St. Rita Dallas Physicians Guild, you can now renew your membership and pay your dues online. Annual membership to the local guild is \$50 for physicians, and you will be eligible for an hour of CME each quarter. We also ask that you might consider joining the National Catholic Medical Association, which is \$300 per year but also avails one to discounted enrollment to the national convention and subscription to the quarterly CMA journal, *The Linacre*.

To use the St. Rita Physician Guild website to renew, click [here](#). You can make a “one time donation” as your dues for renewal. If you would like to pay dues to the National Catholic Association, a link to the CMA website is on the left side of this newsletter.

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## **Society for Fertility Awareness Conference February 11-14**

UT Southwestern’s Medical Student organization, the Society for Fertility Awareness, will have its first lecture series at noon each day on UTSW campus from Feb 11-14. There will be a lecture on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> from Dr. Margarite Duane (Family Practice, faculty at Georgetown University) who will speak on the various methods of Natural Family Planning, on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> from Dr. Michael Parker (Ob-Gyn, Columbus, OH) who will speak on NaPro technology, and on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Heyne of Teen Star who will discuss teen abstinence education. There will be a panel discussion from NFP users on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, email Ashley Stone at [Ashley.Stone@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:Ashley.Stone@utsouthwestern.edu) or Sally Dierschke at [Sally.Dierschke@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:Sally.Dierschke@utsouthwestern.edu).

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# Cover of Time Magazine Depicts the losing battle of the Pro-Abortion movement



The mainstream media will get around to covering abortion this month as the nation marks 40 years of legalized abortion for any reason throughout pregnancy via Roe v Wade. Time magazine has released its issue, which comes to a shocking conclusion.

The cover article makes the case that the pro-abortion side is losing the abortion debate, saying, “40 Years Ago, Abortion Rights Activists Won an Epic Victory With Roe v. Wade. They’ve been losing ever since.”

The article makes the pro-abortion case that, while abortion is still legal, it is increasingly difficult to access thanks to the closing of so many abortion clinics and pro-life laws that help women by giving them additional information and alternatives.

Click [here](#) to see the rest of the article from Life Site News

***As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live – Pope John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio***