



St Rita Dallas Physicians Guild

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

July 2012

Upcoming events

- August 1 after the 5:30 PM Mass; Msgr. Olson to discuss -“[The Moral Obligation of Nutrition and Hydration](#)”
- White Mass on Oct 3
- Upcoming meeting schedule can be found [here](#)

Links

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In the News

[Report shows adult stem cell research produces results](#)
A new report reveals that an emphasis on results has led to a shift in funding towards morally-acceptable work with adult stem cells.

[Bishops respond to Supreme Court Ruling](#)
Bishops issue statement in response to Supreme Court ruling on the individual mandate

What are the moral obligations of nutrition and hydration?



In our next meeting Monsignor Michael Olson will be the speaker and will discuss a review article from [The Linacre](#) (CMA's quarterly publication) titled - “**The Moral Obligation of Nutrition and Hydration in the Tradition and Magisterium of the Catholic Church - A Look at the Debate in the USA.**” This has been a very controversial topic with many medical specialties publishing policy statements advocating the moral permissiveness in the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration to many patients (such as *Pediatrics*, Nov 2009). Msgr Olson will investigate the moral obligations and responsibilities of physicians and the theological

basis of Church teaching on this topic.

Msgr. Olson is a native of and his seminary education has included attendance and graduation from Quigley Preparatory Seminary North in Chicago, participation as a Basselin Scholar at Theological College in Washington, D.C., and theological formation at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas.

Msgr. Olson was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Fort Worth in 1994. His priestly ministry has included service as a parochial vicar, pastor, formation adviser, hospital ethicist, and the vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Worth. He was a member of the formation faculty at Saint Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas and lectured at the University of Saint Thomas School of Theology between 2001 and 2006. He has been rector of Holy Trinity Seminary since 2008. He recently obtained his STD from the Alfonsian Academy of the Pontifical Lateran University of Rome, where his thesis focused on artificial nutrition and hydration.

[Pope to speak on the 'Crisis of Democracy'](#)

The Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace announces that Pope Benedict will discuss the current crisis on democracy at the 46th World Day of Peace

[Daily Homilies and Scripture readings](#)

Looking for a link for the daily readings including homily? The USCCB has resources on its website

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Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk to speak on July 28th at the University of Dallas

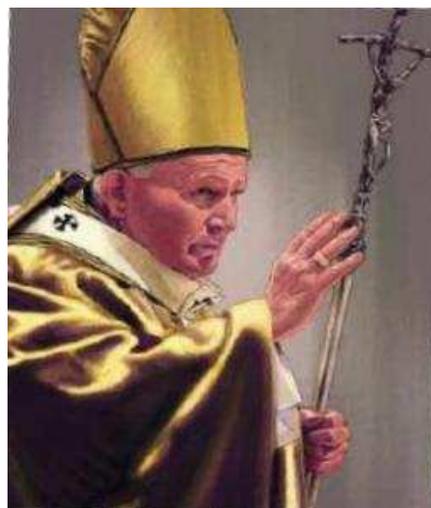


Father Tad is the Director of Education for The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia and directs the Center's National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics. He has earned degrees in philosophy, biochemistry,

molecular cell biology and chemistry. He earned a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Yale University, where he focused on cloning genes for neurotransmitter transporters which are expressed in the brain. He also worked for several years as a molecular biologist at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. Fr. Tad studied for 5 years in Rome where he did advanced work in dogmatic theology and in bioethics, examining the question of delayed ensoulment of the human embryo.

His will speak at the University of Dallas on July 28th. His talk is titled "Making Sense out of Bioethics" – more information can be found at the [Dallas Pro Life Committee website](#)

The 81st annual CMA Educational Conference



This year's national meeting – "A Witness to Hope" - will take place in St. Paul, MN from Sept 27-29. The 2012 CMA Conference will have speakers such as Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., president of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith, former president of Gonzaga University and prolific author; George Weigel, distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center; Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, leader of the Knights of Columbus, and many others.

This three-day conference will begin by exploring the cultural, intellectual, and spiritual contexts of the current crisis of modernity. It will then proceed to examine the Church's response to this crisis and her call for a New

Evangelization. The distinct roles played by clergy, religious, and laity in this evangelization will be studied, with particular attention paid to the use of media and the arts in renewing the culture. Finally, armed with a Christ-centered understanding of the nature of the human person and a proper spiritual formation, it will consider the role that health care plays in the Church's effort to bring forth a New Evangelization. The conference qualifies for 20 hours of CME.

Click [here](#) for further information.

Other reminders.....

- Annual White Mass for Diocesan Physicians scheduled on Oct 3. Further details in next newsletter
- Member dues are up for renewal by October. Free CME for those who are members!

***“Asking a Christian to keep his religion out of the public square is like asking a married man to act single in public.”—
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput***
