



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

July 2014 Newsletter

Next meeting: The Principle of Double Effect

Location: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (NOT ST. RITA)



Is abortion ever morally just? Is prescription of contraceptives ever acceptable? What principals can guide us in these ethically-difficult clinical situations?

The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy defines the Principle of Double Effect as "the doctrine (that) is often invoked to explain the permissibility of an action that causes serious harm, such as the death of a human being, as a side effect of promoting some good end." Many of our ideas concerning this principle were first introduced by St. Thomas Aquinas in Summa Theologica and were further elucidated in later Church teachings such as Veritatis Splendor by St. John Paul II. The Church has blessed us with specific guidelines we can use to reason whether certain actions can be morally acceptable in unclear situations.

Dr. Gove, who serves on the ethics committee of the VA Hospital, will be discussing the Principle of the Double Effect this August 7th at 6:30. NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE. The meeting will take place August 7 at 6:30 PM at ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (St. Joseph's Room) which is located at 6306 Kenwood Ave, Dallas, Tx 75214.

Members of this meeting will receive 1 credit of ethics CME. Non-members can join at the meeting.

Help support an MS4 to become a Napro Technology-trained Ob-Gyn!



Cara Buskmiller is a fourth-year medical student at Texas A&M, rotating at the campus at Baylor University Medical Center for her third and fourth year. She grew up in Dallas and attended Ursuline Academy. She went to Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California as an undergraduate, and is currently a parishioner of Mater Dei in Irving. Cara has been involved with the Catholic Medical Association since 2008, when she served as the pre-medical liaison for the nation's Catholic colleges. As a medical student, she raised her campus' Catholic group to the status of a formal chapter of CMA Student Section. She also works in peer teaching at the medical school, is involved in a research study with the neonatal ICU, and is a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Cara plans to become a pro-life, pro-NFP OB/GYN and offer the DFW metroplex a full-range of medical and surgical Napro Technology. To this end, she is attending the Pope Paul VI Institute program for medical providers, so that she will be able to interpret Creighton Model System charts as medical diagnostic tools. Interpreting a woman's monthly experience should be a skill every OB/GYN resident is taught, but this art is absent from typical residency programs. The program, including the costs of two on-site weeks in Omaha, costs about \$5,000. Part of her fundraising effort includes crowd funding at gofundme.com/a00800.

This is a great opportunity to invest in a pro-life, pro-NFP Catholic OB/GYN! Please consider supporting Cara as she trains to help make abortion, IVF, and artificial contraception unnecessary.

2014 National Conference in Orlando September 25-27



Please pray about attending the 2014 National Catholic Medical Association Conference which takes place this September in Orlando, Florida at the [Loew's Portofino Bay Hotel](#). As mentioned in the last newsletter, the theme is "Courage in Medicine" and will include impactful speakers such as Cardinal Raymond Burke, George Weigel, and Austin Ruse. The 2014 annual educational conference, like CMA conferences in the past, will provide a spiritually uplifting experience with daily Mass, rosary, confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration. In addition, several new spiritual opportunities have been added. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises will be featured at the Wednesday evening reflection, as well as tailored for healthcare professionals in special reflection exercises each morning. During afternoon breaks, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed.

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Catholic Medical Association statement on the Hobby Lobby decision

The Catholic Medical Association welcomes the Supreme Court's decision in Burwell et al. v. Hobby Lobby. Once again, the Supreme Court has curtailed the Obama administration's abuse of executive power and unprecedented attacks on religious liberty.

At the heart of the Hobby Lobby and related cases is the right of Americans to live and work according to their beliefs without fear of government punishment. Americans should never be forced to surrender their religious beliefs when opening a business. The Supreme Court upheld that principle today.

The Catholic Medical Association was particularly gratified by this decision since it filed an *amicus curiae* brief in this case in conjunction with the Becket Fund, refuting the claim that a new human life begins at implantation and clarifying the fact that existing federal laws protect parties such as Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Woods from discrimination based on their opposition to abortion.

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We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works - Hebrews 10:24

