



## **Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas**

### **July 2015 Newsletter**

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**Care for the Seriously Ill and Dying, Part 5 of the Ethical and Religious Directives**

**August 4 at St. Monica's Family Life Center**

In 2009 the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops published the Ethical and Religious Directives (ERDs), a document crafted to help guide the all Catholic individuals and Catholic entities (such as hospitals) within the United States to guide health care delivery based on the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. It can be found on the USCCB website [here](#).

Comprising of 6 sections, Part 5 of the ERDs detail guidance on care for the seriously ill, covering issues such as withdrawing care, proportionate vs. disproportionate care, euthanasia, informed consent, organ donation from adults and fetuses (seems timely, don't you think?), among other various topics.

Deacon Charlie Stump, the Guild's Spiritual Advisor, will be discussing Part 5 of the ERD's. He is the Director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Dallas.

The event will take place at St. Monica's Parish in the Family Life Center. Please enter the Parish via Midway road for the easiest access to the Family Life Center. The event will take place in room 109 (directly on the left after passing through the main entrance). Note- there will not be food served at this meeting!

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**Enhancing Patient-Centered Reproductive Health Care: Understanding and Addressing Unmet Ethical and Clinical Concerns**

**Conference Eligible for 4.5 hours of CME Credit**

Sept 12, 2015 at Medical City Hospital



**Vincent Rue, PhD**  
Institute for Pregnancy  
Loss



**John T. Bruchalski, MD,**  
**OB/GYN**  
Tepeyak Family Center



**Diana Morin, LPC, LMFT**  
Discoveries Christian  
Counseling

On Sept. 12th at Medical City, the Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas will present an educational conference eligible for 4.5 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 credit. As mentioned in the title, the conference will be highlighted by 3 exciting speakers: Dr. John Bruchalski (Ob-Gyn, Medical Director of the Tepeyak Family Center), Dr. Vincent Rue (Institute for Pregnancy Loss) and Diana Morin (Discoveries Christian Counseling). The objectives of the conference are to:

- Identify the **physical and mental health effects of abortion**, including critical assessment of clinical evidence of post-abortion trauma
- Establish **evidence-based screening protocol for pre-abortion risk factors** which may compromise a woman's post-procedural health
- Develop a **therapeutic response and referral sources for post-abortion care**, based on a patient-centered perspective
- Discuss **natural-fertility-based care options and innovative reproductive technologies**, including an overview of NaProTechnology

The conference is being supported by the Catholic Pro-Life Committee of Dallas. Continuing educational credit will be available for other healthcare specialties besides physicians. Click [here](#) for more information. For course information, schedule, and registration, visit the conference website [here](#).

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### 2015 Annual White Mass

This year's annual White Mass will take place on October 17th at the 5 PM Mass at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe (2215 Ross Dallas, Tx 75201). This year, we are honored that the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Farrell. Reception will follow the Mass at the Grand Salon (and this year we will have the space of the entire salon). All involved in healthcare are invited. Further information will be forthcoming.

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*The mystery of Christ casts light on every facet of Catholic health care: to see Christian love as the animating principle of health care; to see healing and compassion as a continuation of Christ's mission; to see suffering as a participation in the redemptive power of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection; and to see death, transformed by the resurrection, as an opportunity for a final act of communion with Christ -*  
*Ethical and Religious Directives, USCCB*

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