



## Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

### June 2014 Newsletter

---

NO MEETING THIS JULY



There will not be a meeting during our regularly-scheduled, first Thursday (July 3rd) meeting of the month. Enjoy your Independence Day and let us reflect on the blessings we have as members of our great country!

Our next meeting will take place on August 7th. Dr. Maria Gove will be discussing the Principle of Double Effect and its applications to the practice of medicine.

---

Last meeting: **Christian Perspectives on Suffering**



This month Dr. Robert Collins discussed Christian Perspectives of Human Suffering. He presented several different views from various traditions explaining

**reasons for human suffering: human freedom causing suffering, the allowance of suffering for the ultimate goal of good, the inability of humanity to question the divine tolerance of suffering, the realization of virtue through suffering, suffering as a communal effect of sin, the role of God who is not always playing "magician" or "puppetmaster" over the world, the free will of satanic angels who create evil, etc.**

**Some quotes:**

**Thomas Aquinas: "The universe would lack good things if all evils were excluded. There would not be the endurance of the martyrs if there were no persecution by tyrants."**

**Scott Cairns: "I've personally known dozens who have seized this opportunity (of suffering) to become the men and women that they had, in their deepest hearts, long desired to be. It was as if their imminent deaths freed them from petty, distracted lives, and freed them into greater, genuine living—however briefly."**

**David Hart : "We exist in the long melancholy aftermath of a primordial catastrophe, that this is a broken and wounded world, that cosmic time is the shadow of true time, and that the universe languishes in bondage to 'powers' and 'principalities'—spiritual and terrestrial—alien to God."**

**Anglican priest John Polkinghorne: "God no more expressly wills the growth of a cancer than he expressly wills the act of a murderer, but he allows both to happen. He is not the puppet master of either men or matter."**

**Although we may not understand the reason for suffering, the difference for the Christian is that Christ enters into our suffering and allows for redemption within it.**

**St. Pope John Paul II (Salvici Doloris): "The Redeemer suffered in place of man and for man. Every man has his own share in the Redemption. Each one is also called to share in that suffering through which the Redemption was accomplished. He is called to share in that suffering through which all human suffering has also been redeemed. In bringing about the Redemption through suffering, Christ has also raised human suffering to the level of the Redemption. Thus each man, in his suffering, can also become a sharer in the redemptive suffering of Christ."**

---

## **2014 National Conference in Orlando September 25-27**

**The 2014 National Conference takes place this September in Orlando, Florida at the [Loew's Portofino Bay Hotel](#). The theme is "Courage in Medicine" and will explore various topics: the grave threats posed by a radical and progressive secularization of society and its impact on the profession of medicine; the ways in which healthcare professionals are on the front lines of a battle between good and evil; the moral courage and the pivotal role it plays in enabling medical professionals to remain consistent in pursuing the good; and the mission of healthcare professionals to re-evangelize not only the medical profession, but also the culture itself, by joyfully and courageously defending and proclaiming the truths of the Faith in the practice of medicine.**

Speakers include Cardinal Raymond Burke, George Weigel, Austin Ruse, Sister Mary Dreger MD, and others. Please consider attending! Click [here](#) for more information!

---

Don't forget- Christopher West this July 5th (FREE talk!)



Another friendly reminder of the world-renowned speaker Christopher West, who will be giving a series of talks titled **Theology of the Body: Foundation of the Culture of Life**. He will be speaking on July 5th at The Westin DFW Hotel from 9 AM - 12 PM. The talks are a subset of the Couples for Christ FFL National Conference and the talks are FREE. Registration is required, click [here](#) for further details.

---

Interested in serving on the Board?

The Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas is seeking enthusiastic, pious physicians to help serve on our Board. We meet once per month, so the amount of time required is not onerous. We have many events upcoming, so we hope you can join us!

---

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things- Philippians 4:8*

