



St Rita Dallas Physicians Guild

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

March 2013

Upcoming events

- April 3 – [Catholicism in the Daily Practice](#)
- May 1 – [Ethics of Medical Missions](#), Eligible for 1 hr of ethics CME
- Upcoming meeting schedule can be found [here](#)

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Teaching, meditations, and prayers during Holy Week can be found at the USCCB website

[The Way of the Cross](#)

Stations of the Cross meditation by St. Josemaria Escriva

Next meeting's topic: Catholicism in Practice

At our last White Mass, Bishop Seitz challenged physicians not to segregate their faith from their profession. To the Catholic physician, we must strive to integrate faith into our medical practice so that the two are in harmony.

The International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations has defined some aspects of this integration into a statement called The Promise of the Catholic Physician, which can be found [here](#).

As models of physicians who live out their faith in practice, we have selected a few physicians who will share their testimonies of how they integrate their Catholicity into their practice of medicine. We hope this will be a meeting that will exhort us to live out the faith in our everyday lives.

We encourage you to attend! Please RSVP to our email address - StRitaDallasCMA@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

The Meaning of Christian Suffering

Even though much of society considers suffering only as unjust and tragic, Christianity has taught that suffering has meaning to those who endure it, as taught in Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter *Salvifici Doloris*. This was the topic of last month's meeting, presented by Father John Szatkoski, the director of vocations for the Diocese of Dallas.

The Old Testament presents one version of suffering, and Fr. Szatkoski pointed out examples of people who suffer dearly, such as Job and the author of Ecclesiastes. From the Old Testament we are taught that suffering is to be endured without questioning God.

[Pediatricians Group Accused of Ignoring Data in Endorsing 'Gay Marriage'](#)

Maggie Gallagher, president of the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, criticized the group's dismissal of evidence that children raised by same-sex partners face disadvantages.

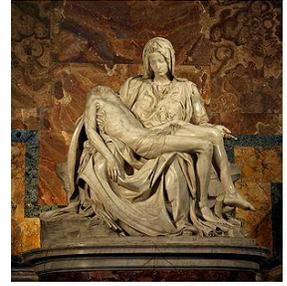
[A Physician's View of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ](#)

Dr C Truman Davis offers a medical meditation of the physical sufferings of the Crucifixion of Jesus

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But a more complete view of suffering is found in the New Testament, where many passages assert that through suffering one can grow in virtue. "We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us," Romans 5:3-5 exhorts.



In *Salvici Doloris*, Pope John Paul II tells us that suffering has a salvific or redemptive meaning when united to the suffering of Jesus: "The Cross of Christ throws salvific light, in a most penetrating way, on man's life and in particular on his suffering. For through faith the Cross reaches man *together with the Resurrection*: the mystery of the Passion is contained in the Paschal Mystery constitutes 'a gesture which is a genuine act of love . . . by giving something of ourselves.'"

Let us reflect on this in particular during Holy Week, as we meditate on the suffering endured by Jesus during his Passion.

Physicians Guild to attend the Bishop's Pro Life Dinner

The St. Rita Dallas Physicians' Guild will be sitting in one table at the Bishop's Pro Life Dinner on April 6th at the Irving Convention Center.

Would you like to sit at our table? Please email us if you would like to attend! You can let us know at

StRitaDallasCMA@gmail.com or cesar.termulo@gmail.com.



The year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, Jr. and outspoken pro-life activist. For more information on the annual Bishop's Dinner, click [here](#).

Prayer for Pope Francis

*O God, Shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
Look favorably on your servant Pope Francis I,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that, by word and example,
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

*who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

(taken from the Dallas Diocese website)

Have a Blessed Holy Week and a Joyous Easter!

The board of our Guild will be praying for you as we enter more deeply into the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ this Holy Week. May God give us the grace to more profoundly understand the depths of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for us. And we shall truly rejoice this Easter as we join in the majesty of Christ's Resurrection!



**But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,
and with his stripes we are healed. – Isaiah 53:4-5**