



St Rita Dallas Physicians Guild

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

April 2012

Upcoming events

- June 6 meeting after 5:30 Mass at St Rita's Cafeteria (Maria Gove, [Ethical Implications of the HHS Mandate on Practicing Catholic Physicians](#))
- Upcoming meeting schedule can be found [here](#)

Links

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[National Catholic Bioethics Center](#)

In the News

[CMA Welcomes Lawsuits from Catholic Institutions](#)

The Catholic Medical Association issues a statement supporting the 43 Catholic institutions filing a lawsuit against HHS mandate on May 22nd

[Registration opens for 81st national CMA conference](#)

Come to St Paul, MN on Sept 27-29 to the national CMA conference for enriching talks, spiritual nourishment, and CME credits

[Poll: 59% of Americans want all or most abortions illegal](#)

In a Gallup poll released May 24, an increasing numbers of Americans are considered pro-life

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The Vocation of the Catholic Physician

Deacon and Physician Michael Bolesta spoke last meeting about our vocation as Catholic physicians. In summary, one must pursue one's Catholicity in being a physician.

Dr. Bolesta gave many examples of Jesus' love during his ministry – the multiple healings, the raising of the dead, his compassion in dealing with those he cares for – which inspires the lay Catholic.

But as physicians we are distinctly called to care for our patients with the same humility, compassion, and love that Jesus demonstrated to us. In fulfilling our call to be Catholic, we actually realize our competence and compassion as we pursue our vocation as physicians.

Next meeting: Ethical Implications of the HHS Mandate on Practicing Catholic Physicians



Dr. Maria Gove is our next speaker and will be discussing the HHS mandate at our next meeting. She is vice president of the Dallas guild of the Catholic Medical Association. She completed her undergraduate from University of Notre Dame with a bachelors in philosophy and minor in theology. She completed medical school at University of Missouri and completed a combined residency in Medicine/Pediatrics in Phoenix, AZ. She currently practices internal medicine at the VA hospital.

Maria will discuss the infamous HHS contraception mandate and the implications for Catholic institutions and ethical implications for practicing Catholic physicians. We hope to see you there!

As always, please RSVP for the meeting at StRitaDallasCMA@gmail.com.

Bishop Farrel urges participation in Fortnight for Freedom beginning June 21



Bishop Farrel and the other U.S. bishops have issued a call to action to defend religious liberty and urged laity to work to protect the First Freedom of the Bill of Rights. They outlined their position in “Our First, Most Cherished Freedom.” The document was developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), approved for publication by the USCCB Administrative Committee March 13, and published in English and Spanish April 12.

The document can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/our-first-most-cherished-liberty.cfm>.

“We have been staunch defenders of religious liberty in the past. We have a solemn duty to discharge that duty today,” the bishops said in the document, “... for religious liberty is under attack, both at home and abroad.”

The document lists concerns that prompt the bishops to act now. Among concerns are:

- The Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate forcing all employers, including religious organizations, to provide and pay for coverage of employees’ contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs even when they have moral objections to them. Another concern is HHS’s defining which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty,
- Driving Catholic foster care and adoption services out of business. Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia and Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities adoption or foster care services out of business by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.
- Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services. Despite years of excellent performance by the USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require USCCB to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching. Religious institutions should not be disqualified from a government contract based on religious belief, and they do not lose their religious identity or liberty upon entering such contracts. Recently a federal court judge in Massachusetts turned religious liberty on its head when he declared that such a disqualification is required by the First Amendment—that the government violates religious liberty by allowing Catholic organizations to participate in contracts in a manner consistent with their beliefs on contraception and abortion.

Read the whole article [here](#)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you” – 1 Peter 1:3