



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

April 2013

Upcoming events

- June 5 – [Conversion to an NFP-only Practice](#), Dr. Joseph Behan
- August 7 – [Ethics of Medical Missions](#), Dr. Tom Zellers (CME available)
- Upcoming meeting schedule can be found [here](#)

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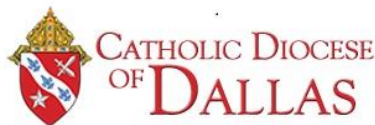
In the News

[Gosnell convicted of murder](#)

*“House of Horrors”
abortionist convicted for
killing babies born alive*

[Five clinics close as
Pittsburg requires
increased safety](#)

We've changed our name!



Notice the name change? We are now the Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas! We have been invited by the Catholic Diocese of Dallas to become an official organization of the Diocese as approved by Bishop Farrell. We will be functioning under the Diocese's Office of Pastoral Services, led by Deacon Charlie Stump.

We also changed the name of our guild to connote a more inclusive name open to all physicians in the Diocese. So please invite all physicians throughout our great Diocese to join the guild!

Testimony of a Pro Life Doctor



Last month Dr. Mayra Thompson shared about her testimony given in Austin pertinent to the proposed Senate Bill 537, which would require that abortion facilities meet the same standards of care as ambulatory surgical centers.

With the current backdrop of the horrific trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell and the reporting of new abortionist doctors that are providing unconscionable care to both babies and women, it would seem that Senate Bill 537 would be an undeniably just law. But as soon as the crowds began to pour in to the Senate chamber to hear the testimonies on both sides, it was clear that there would be much disagreement as the pro-abortion side outnumbered the pro-life side 2 to 1.

But Dr. Thompson was not deterred, as she and her team of 2 other witnesses provided strong testimonies. One of the witnesses, Carol Everett, testified about the horrors she personally witnessed as an ex-abortion center administrator, where doctors would frequently provide substandard care and often botched procedures. In one instance a young woman had a discovered leiomyoma during an abortion, but as the doctor attempted to surgically remove the mass, bleeding occurred which could not be adequately controlled

[requirements at abortion centers](#)

Just as Dr. Thompson testified, many abortion centers would close if standard, patient safety measures were enforced

[CMA statement on Plan B decision by District Judge](#)

CMA issues statement on Plan B decision

[Holy Spirit leads to truth amid relativism, Pope counsels](#)

At his General Audience, Pope Francis spoke about the Holy Spirit's role in guiding Christians to know Jesus in an age of relativism.

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in the clinic, so the patient required emergent hospital transfer and eventual hysterectomy (remember that medical documentation is not required in abortion centers, so no record of this event is available).

She also testified how she was able to earn almost \$1 million per year as an abortion clinic administrator, shedding light on the real motivations behind most centers. Read more of Carol Evertte's story [here](#).

Dr. Thompson explained in layman's terms the complex surgical techniques required during the abortion procedure and the multiple risks involved. She attempted to explain that to ensure patient safety, abortion centers need to be regulated.

The hope is that many of these centers would close once they are required to enhance safety standards (see link to the left), so although Dr. Thompson was not explicitly protesting abortion, her testimony might advocate for passage of this bill that might force many centers to close.

We applaud of Dr. Thompson's effort to use her vocation to advocate for truth and justice!

Dr. Joseph Behan speaks June 5



For our next meeting, we will hear the story of Dr. Joseph Behan, who practices Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Joseph Behan is well-known in Dallas for running an NFP-only practice, and has regularly spoken at many events in the Diocese covering various topics on women's health.

Dr. Behan will be discussing the transformation of his practice from the conventional Ob-Gyn practice to an NFP-only practice. The transition required much sacrifice and change (including location, partners, etc.), but he will share how his journey was part of following God's will for his profession.

Please RSVP for the meeting at our new email address, catholicphysiciansguildofdallas@gmail.com

The Promise of the Catholic Physician

As a Physician, I solemnly promise:

1. To continually improve my professional abilities, in order to give my patients the best care I can.
2. To respect my patients as human persons, putting their interests ahead of political and economic considerations, and to treat them without prejudice arising from religion, racial, ethnic, socio-economic or sexual

differences.

3. To defend and protect human life from conception to its natural end, believing that human life, transmitted by parents, is created by God and has an eternal destiny that belongs to Him.
4. To refuse to become an instrument of violent or oppressive applications of medicine.
5. To serve the public health, promoting healthful policies respectful of life and the dignity and nature of the human person.
6. To cooperate with the applications of just law, except on the grounds of conscientious objection when the civil law does not respect human rights, especially the right to life.
7. To work with openness toward every person, independently of their religious beliefs.
8. To donate part of my time for free and charitable care of the poor.

In order to achieve these goals, as a Catholic Doctor I also promise:

1. To recognize the Word of God as the inspiration of all my actions, to be faithful to the teachings of the Church and to form my professional conscience in accord with them.
2. To cultivate a filial relationship with God, nourished by prayer, and to be a faithful witness of Christ.
3. To practice Catholic moral principles, in particular those related to bio-medical ethics.
4. To express the benevolence of Christ in my life, and in my relationships with patients, colleagues and society.
5. To participate in the evangelization of the suffering world, in cooperation with the pastoral ministry of the Church.

Source: The National Catholic Medical Association website

**You formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb
I praise you, because I am wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works! - Psalm 139:13-14**