



## Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas November Newsletter

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### **Advent Reflection December 4**

Our next meeting will take place on December 4 at 7 PM at the St. Rita Commons (east of the Narthex of the main sanctuary - use the entrance on the west side of the building). Fr. Michal Markiewicz - parochial vicar of St. Rita - will be providing us his reflections this Advent season.

Father Markiewicz is from the city of Bydgoszcz, a city in the northwest region of Poland. He is the first of two brothers in a traditional but largely non-practicing Catholic family. Initially, Catholicism was only a cultural value. It was not until the catechesis of the *Neocatechumenal Way* that he began to discover the personal and spiritual value of his Catholic faith. A crucial moment in discerning God's plan for him was during a pilgrimage to the sanctuary of Matemblewo in northern Poland, where the Virgin Mary is venerated as pregnant with Our Lord. It was there that he discovered the call to the priesthood. The irony (or perhaps fate) was that he was ordained a priest at the Cathedral Shrine in Dallas, dedicated to Our Pregnant Lady, the Virgin of Guadalupe!

In high school he was interested in Polish literature and participated in a nationwide competition of literary criticism and received notoriety for his accomplishments, allowing him to enter the finest universities in Poland. At the same time, however, he felt the call to the priesthood was stronger than his secular academic studies. He decided to enter a missionary seminary, and found himself at the Redemptoris Mater Diocesan Seminary in Dallas. He studied philosophy and received his masters at the University of Dallas. He was recently ordained a priest for the Diocese of Dallas on May 16, 2018.

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## Article on National Conference in Dallas

Did you miss the National Conference? A recap of this year's National Conference can be found on page 10 of the The Pulse - the National CMA's monthly [periodical](#). About 600 attendees participated in our conference. A video of the conference (with our own Mary McGraw gracing the cover) can be found here:



Video recap of National Conference

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# CMA Response to the Current Crisis in the Church

There are many who now believe that we are living through the worst crisis in the history of the Catholic Church. The Catholic faithful are feeling angry and betrayed. As a result, the Catholic Medical Association has joined forces with other lay Catholic organizations in calling for both answers and action in dealing with all that is being reported.

Click [here](#) (and forward to page 16 of The Pulse) for the CMA's full statement by current President Peter Morrow, MD

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As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. ...If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it” - 1 Cor 12,26

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