



## Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas October Newsletter

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### Next meeting - November 6 at St. Rita

Social scientists tell us that when we meet information which challenges us, our first impulse is to dismiss it. It has been 50 years since Pope Paul VI issued his Encyclical Letter *Humanae Vitae*. It is safe to say that many Catholics were challenged, and dismissed it. We invite you to be challenged, perhaps again, Tuesday night, November 6, at 7 PM. We'll have food, fellowship, *Humanae Vitae* handouts, hear Dr. Mayra Thompson give us a synopsis of the recent [Advancing Humanae Vitae Conference](#), and we'll watch one of the plenary session talks from the recent National Catholic Medical Association meeting held here in Dallas in September. The talk, "Bitter Pill", by Timothy Reichert, PhD, an economist(!), gives a fascinating, fresh, perspective on the changes

that have, almost inevitably, taken place since *Humanae Vitae*.

The event takes place in the St. Rita Commons - this is the building just east of the narthex of the sanctuary. Best parking is off Inwood.

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## **Advent Reflection December 4**

The Guild's Advent Reflection will take place on December 4 - Fr. Michal Markiewicz will provide us with his thoughts as we prepare for Christmas. Fr. Markiewicz is Parochial Vicar at St. Rita's Catholic Church and is from Poland and recently was ordained this past June. We look forward to his reflection for us.

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## **Pope Francis and WHO Director-General: Health is a right and not a privilege**

Director-General of World Health Organization, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, has met with Pope Francis to discuss ways to ensure that universal access to healthcare across the globe.

Pope Francis and Dr Tedros have both reiterated that health is a right, and should not be a privilege. The two leaders said they share a commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of the most vulnerable and marginalized – in both rich and poor countries.

“I am honoured and humbled to have met His Holiness Pope Francis and to discover that we share so many of the same concerns,” said Dr Tedros.

Read more from [Medibulletin](#)

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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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