



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas October Newsletter



Thanks to all who attended the Annual White Mass for Healthcare Professionals!

Thanks to all who attended the White Mass this past Oct 28th at the Cathedral of the Virgin of Guadalupe. We had many doctors, nurses, sisters who are nurses, students, therapists, and their families. Thanks to Bishop Kelly who discussed the importance of our vocation, recognizing the spiritual value of healing but also the realization that healing comes *through* us and not *because of* us. Thanks to Bishop Kelly who also bestowed a blessing for all those in healthcare in attendance.



A reception followed in which Fr. Josh Whitfield chose to delve deeper into reflection rather than the typical "be sure to look at the eyes of your patients" and "don't spend all your time typing when you could be talking." He discussed the need for physicians to hold to "scientific truth" in this age where biased, strong-armed persuasion often times becomes the predominant belief. Simultaneously, we must realize a "wonderment" in the beauty of truth and our vocation, not merely reducing our practice to material fact. At the same time, we must still cultivate "openness" and "prayer" to allow for revelation to enter into our work. Thanks to Dr. Whitfield for sharing his wisdom, and thanks to all who participated!





To ACCEPT OR TO REJECT?

What should we do when faced with difficult end-of-life decisions? An expert speaks.

To most people, the duty of medicine is to fight illness and by extension, its companion, death. But what happens when it can't? And are there times when it shouldn't? Are there times when the proposed intervention's unintended consequences outweigh its benefits?

Often times, this expresses itself in the medical arena as a fierce fight for the slender odds of living longer rather than preparing the patient — and their family — for the much more probable outcome: death. "In a war that you cannot win, you don't want a general who fights to the

Do No Harm Conference appears in North Texas Catholic

Thanks to the North Texas Catholic who highlighted Fr. Thad Pacholczyk's talk on end-of-life decision making in their November/December article. In it they highlighted, Fr. Thad's teaching to examine proportionate vs disproportionate care, the use of prudence, and the Ethical and Religious Directives set forth by the USCCB pertinent to end-of-life care.



Pope Francis: In the Eucharist we receive the

grace to love

Pope Francis reflected on Jesus' command to love God above all things, and your neighbor as yourself, saying that it is in the Eucharist that we receive the grace to carry this out.

“God, who is Love, has created us to make us part of his life, to be loved and to love Him, and to love all other people with Him. This is God's 'dream' for man. And in order to accomplish it we need his grace, we need to receive in us the ability to love that comes from God himself.”

For this reason “Jesus offers himself to us in the Eucharist...” the Pope said Oct. 29. “In it we receive his Body and His Blood, that is, we receive Jesus in the best expression of his love, when He has offered himself to the Father for our salvation.”

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all" - Philippians 4:6



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