



Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas September Newsletter



2018 Annual White Mass at the National Catholic Medical Association Annual Educational Conference

**Thanks to all who attended the National
Catholic Medical Association Annual**

Educational Conference!

The National CMA Conference was a great success! There were so many inspiring speakers who blessed us with their presence. The conference started off with Rob Dreher, author of the Benedict Option who discussed the "Benedict Option and Medicine," and offered a strategy to the modern Christian doctor in the current cultural climate. Dr. Michael Hanby discussed "What is a Technocracy" and described how medicine is turning away from the centrality of the doctor-patient relationship for a technocratic functionality. Dale Ahlquist discussed "GK Chesterton and Medicine" and commented on the famous author's writings pertaining to medicine ("To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it").



Each day began with Rosary, Mass, and Confessions (with Eucharistic Adoration available 24 hours). The morning educational conference began with general sessions for all (there were somewhere between 600-700 participants) and the afternoon had breakout sessions in which participants attended talks based on their interests. Some of the talks included:

- "Practical Bioethics, a Comparison of Aristotelian and Utilitarian Ethics," George Delgado, MD
- "A Wholistic Approach to Human Suffering," Diana Ruzika, RN
- "A Culture of Life, A Culture of Death and A Culture of Waste," Dr Jason Eberl
- "Antidotes to the Technocratic Age in Medicine," Deacon John Treveline, MD
- "Compassionate Direct Primary Care", Robert Forrester, MD
- "Theology of the Body's Christian Anthropology Informing Medical Care," Monica Ashour
- "Free to Do No Harm: Freedom of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals," Kevin Theriot, JD
- "The Art of Medicine, Why Healthcare Must Be a Profession and not a Trade," William Stigall, MD
- "Sexual Orientation and Gender Dysphoria Change, May Have (Treatable) Psychological Causes - and Other Recent Confessions of the American Psychological Association," Laura Haynes, Ph D



General Session at the Conference

Apart from the General Sessions and Breakout talks, there were several exhibitors from many Catholic resources in healthcare, such as FACTS, BOMA