



# Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

September 2013

## Upcoming events

- Oct 19- Annual White Mass at the Cathedral
- November 7 – Update of the National CMA meeting
- Upcoming meeting schedule can be found [here](#)

## Links

[Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas](#)

[National CMA website](#)

[UTSW St Basil Society](#)

[USCCB website](#)

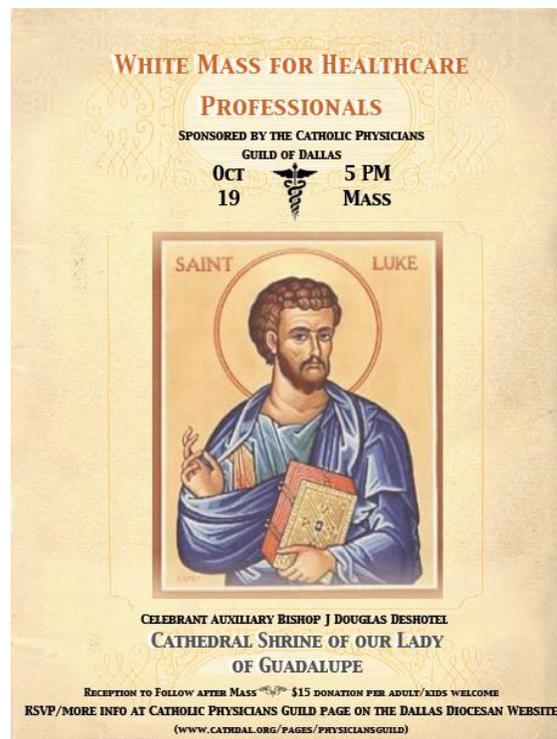
[National Catholic Bioethics Center](#)

## In the News

[Pope Francis: Make Christianity a Way of Life, Not a Label](#)

*Pope Francis told the faithful gathered for the Sunday Angelus that they must live a Christian life rather than let Christianity become a mere label in their lives.*

## The Annual White Mass this October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Guadalupe Cathedral



Please remember to RSVP for the Annual White Mass which will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral at the 5 PM Mass. We are honored that Auxiliary Bishop Deshotel will be celebrating the Mass with us. Suggested donation per adult is \$15. Reception to follow in the Grand Salon catered by I Fratelli's. Families and kids are welcome.

The following are the most frequently asked questions about the White Mass:

1. Why is the celebration called the “White Mass?” It is not called the White Mass as means to cultivate exclusivity. The White Mass is called so in remembrance of the white lab coats used by those in the healthcare field.
2. Are non-physicians invited? Yes! This Mass is for all healthcare professionals, including nurses, therapists, social workers, healthcare administrators, etc. who are called to a vocation of Christ’s healing in the field of healthcare. Please invite anybody who is in healthcare!

[Catholic Medical Association sees growth in troubled times](#)

*The Catholic News Agency reports on the growth of the CMA.*

[March on Washington Anniversary: Time To Face Unmet Goals](#)

*The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom calls people to address poverty, racism and class inequality, said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity.*

[Restoring the Beauty of the Human Person: Psychological healing through the light of Christ](#)

*The Catholic Psychotherapy Association will have its national conference in Dallas on November 7-9*

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3. Why do we celebrate the White Mass? The intention is that all who share this sacred vocation of healing gather in the spirit of Christ's love to be strengthened through fellowship with one another, exhortation by our Church through the Bishop, and participation in the most Holy Eucharist.

For more information about the White Mass, and to register for the event, please do so [here](#).

Enclosed is a flyer if you would like to post one at your workplace.

As a reminder, annual dues will be collected at the reception, which are \$50 for local guild members. Local members can receive 1 hour of ethics CME free every quarter.

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## Tom Brandt discusses Conscience Protection to the Guild



On September 5, 2013 Mr. Tom Brandt spoke at Sweeney Lounge, St. Rita's Parish on issues regarding conscience protection. Mr. Brandt is a member of the law firm Fanning, Harper, Martinson, Brandt & Kutchin.

Mr. Brandt discussed three main issues during his talk:

1. An understanding of the language of the debate: Conscience protection vs. refusal clauses and free exercise of religion vs. freedom of worship.
2. Understanding of the historical and legal sources for conscience protections: Natural law as a source of conscience protections including the Declaration of Independence, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Dr. Martin Luther King's letter from the Birmingham Jail, and the First Amendment as a source of conscience protections.
3. Discussion of the 3 named Federal laws which currently protect conscience rights for healthcare workers: The Church Amendment, the Coats/Snowe amendment, and the Hyde Weldon Amendment.

This was a delightful talk let off by a short film of "A man for all seasons" relating Saint Thomas more discussing the meaning of words.

For those who attended, a CME certificate will be sent to your email addresses.

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# NFP Class given to Physicians by NFP Center of Dallas



The Natural Family Planning Center of Dallas sponsored a physician-oriented NFP training class at St. Rita Catholic Church this past Sept 22nd. Instructor Josefina Camou travelled from the Diocese of Tucson to present for the group; her presentation was both informative and entertaining. All who attended were excited to learn more of this morally acceptable alternative to oral contraceptives and other common forms of “birth control.” If any of you would like to learn more about Natural Family Planning, please contact Patricia Hidalgo, the director of the Natural Family Planning Center of Dallas at 214-467-2248 or [naturalfamily@ymail.com](mailto:naturalfamily@ymail.com).

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## Interested in volunteering at a free medical clinic?



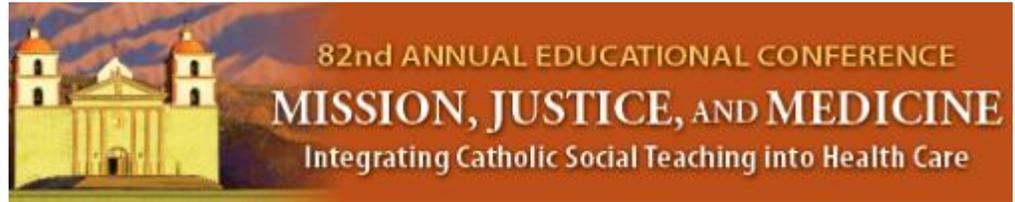
Just as important in the battle towards the “Culture of Life” is our service to the poor and needy. Social justice must be a part of our vocation as physicians. The guild has participated in service to the North Dallas Shared Ministries, a free medical clinic to the underserved in the Stemmons Corridor ([www.ndsm.org](http://www.ndsm.org)).

The clinic has an adult clinic on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. A pediatric clinic is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. A women’s clinic is on Wednesdays. There is also a dermatology, dental, and podiatry clinic. Malpractice insurance is offered to volunteers.

If you would like to register or learn more about the conference, click [here](#).

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## Don’t forget about the National Conference...



Would you like to go to a conference where you are enriched spiritually, exhorted professionally, grow in knowledge of medical ethics, and receive CME credit? Come to the National Catholic Medical Association Conference in Santa Barbara, CA at the Fess Parker Hotel a mere steps from the Pacific Ocean!

For more information, click [here](#)

***The greatest political storm flutters only a fringe of humanity. But an ordinary man and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children literally alter the destiny of nations – GK Chesterton***