

*Converging Roads* – Diocese of Baton Rouge  
Saturday, March 6, 2021 | The Tracy Center

## HUMAN DIGNITY AT THE END OF LIFE

8:00 AM	<b>MASS</b> Celebrant: Most Rev. Michael G. Duca, Bishop of Baton Rouge
8:30 AM	<b>CHECK IN/REGISTRATION BEGINS</b>
9:15 AM	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b>
9:25 – 10:20 AM	<b>PROPORTIONATE VS DISPROPORTIONATE MEANS AND THE PROVISION OF ASSISTED NUTRITION AND HYDRATION</b> Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD
10:25 – 11:25 AM	<b>END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES</b> Sarah E. Hetue Hill, PhD
11:25 – 11:40 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
11:40 AM– 12:40 PM	<b>ACCOMPANYING THE SICK AND DYING WITH SACRAMENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE</b> Most Rev. Michael G. Duca and Rev. J. Cary Bani, MD
12:40 – 2:15 PM	<b>HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON</b>
1:10 – 2:10 PM	<b>THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY’S ROLE IN COUNTERING ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA</b> William L. Toffler, MD
2:15 – 2:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30 – 3:30 PM	<b>ALLEVIATING SUFFERING THROUGH PALLIATIVE CARE, PAIN MANAGEMENT, AND HOSPICE CARE</b> Natalie Rodden, MD
3:35 – 4:35 PM	<b>CLINICAL ASPECTS OF END OF LIFE CARE</b> Becket Gremmels, PhD
4:35 – 4:50 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
4:50 – 5:50 PM	<b>PHYSICIAN HEAL THYSELF: DEALING WITH MORAL DISTRESS IN END OF LIFE CARE</b> Maricela P. Moffitt, MD, MPH, FACP
5:50 – 6:45 PM	<b>WINE &amp; CHEESE RECEPTION</b>

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### **PROPORTIONATE VS DISPROPORTIONATE MEANS AND THE PROVISION OF ASSISTED NUTRITION AND HYDRATION**

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

This presentation will differentiate between proportionate and disproportionate care, especially in situations in which pain is especially severe. It will consider ethical principles related to pain management and case studies that apply those principles into patient care.

### **END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

Sarah E. Hetue Hill, PhD

This presentation will provide healthcare professionals and patients with legal options for planning for end of life care. It will review patient case examples demonstrating the issues and principles related to free and informed consent and its relevance to advance planning documents.

### **ACCOMPANYING THE SICK AND DYING WITH SPIRITUAL AND SACRAMENTAL CARE**

Most Rev. Michael G. Duca and Rev. J. Cary Bani, MD

This presentation will provide information about the importance of spiritual and pastoral care at the end of a person's life, assisting the individual and family to move with peace, comfort, and love into the final stage of life here on earth. It will share examples of struggle and success in accompanying patients and being a compassionate presence in the midst of suffering.

### **THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY'S ROLE IN COUNTERING ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA**

William L. Toffler, MD

This presentation will explore the legal trends in physician assisted suicide and the ways in which health care workers can respond. It will consider the medical community's long tradition of doing no harm to patients in the context of the push to treat suicide and euthanasia as medical treatments.

### **ALLEVIATING SUFFERING THROUGH PALLIATIVE CARE, PAIN MANAGEMENT, AND HOSPICE CARE**

Natalie Rodden, MD

This presentation will discuss palliative care in light of Church teaching and medical interventions addressing the management of pain. It will discuss types of pain and suffering that affect patients and how to robustly address pain and suffering in a clinical context.

### **CLINICAL ASPECTS OF END OF LIFE CARE**

Becket Gremmels, PhD

This presentation will examine the unique ethical aspects of care associated with patients who are dying. It will identify the unique aspects of end of life care as well as describe the ethical dilemmas that arise and how they can be addressed.

### **PHYSICIAN HEAL THY SELF: DEALING WITH MORAL DISTRESS IN END OF LIFE CARE**

Maricela P. Moffitt, MD, MFH FACP

This presentation will inform doctors of the importance of securing their own health and how to assist patients in holistic healing, noting the necessity to clarify the truth of what it means to be human. In addition, medical professionals will learn how outcomes are impacted by a holistic approach – body, mind, and spirit – to healing.