

Converging Roads – Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
Saturday, April 17, 2021 | Minneapolis, MN

CATHOLIC MEDICINE IN A SECULAR SOCIETY

8:00 AM	MASS Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
8:30 AM	CHECK IN/REGISTRATION BEGINS
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS
9:20–10:20 AM	THE DIGNITY OF THE PERSON Sister Terese Auer, OP, PhD
10:25–11:25 AM	MORAL DECISION-MAKING: PROPORTIONATE AND DISPROPORTIONATE CARE Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD
11:25–11:40 AM	BREAK
11:40 AM–12:40 PM	SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY Sister Mary Diana Dreger, OP, MD
12:40–2:15 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:10–2:10 PM	SACRAMENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE FOR THE DYING: SUFFERING, COMPASSION, AND HOPE Msgr. James P. Shea
2:15–2:35 PM	BREAK
2:35–3:35 PM	GENDER DYSPHORIA IN CHILDREN AND ADULTS: SCIENCE, IDEOLOGY AND ETHICS Paul Hruz, MD, PhD
3:40–4:40 PM	INFERTILITY AND SURROGACY Mary M. Paquette, MD, and more
4:40–4:55 PM	BREAK
4:55–5:55 PM	THE HEALTH CARE WORKER IN AN ERA OF SECULAR MEDICAL ETHICS G. Kevin Donovan, MA, MD
6:00–6:45 PM	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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THE DIGNITY OF THE PERSON

Sister Terese Auer, OP, PhD

This presentation will address the origins of human dignity, why human life is considered sacred, and how this dignity impacts medical care. There will be theological, philosophical, and natural law principles which assist the speaker in drawing these conclusions.

THE HEALTH CARE WORKER IN AN ERA OF SECULAR MEDICAL ETHICS

G. Kevin Donovan, MA, MD

This presentation will describe the challenges of a Christian healthcare provider in serving the whole person in an era of secular medical ethics. It will identify means of maintaining the integrity of faith and reason in the current cultural environment, and consider ways for the medical professional to maintain a proper lived understanding of freedom and conscience in the face of a secularized medical ethic.

SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY

Sister Mary Diana Dreger, OP, MD

This presentation will provide an overview of the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity and how medical care animated by these principles secures positive outcomes. It will consider how patient care and communication with patients and their families is improved by a commitment to solidarity and subsidiarity.

GENDER DYSPHORIA IN CHILDREN AND ADULTS: SCIENCE, IDEOLOGY AND ETHICS

Paul Hruz, MD, PhD

This presentation will discuss medical psychosocial realities of gender dysphoria and identify anthropological and medical basis for medical and psychological interventions. It will consider medical outcomes of puberty suppression and gender reassignment and whether these interventions are in keeping with medical data and best patient outcomes.

MORAL DECISION-MAKING: PROPORTIONATE AND DISPROPORTIONATE CARE

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

This presentation will define proportionate and disproportionate and provide specific examples. It will identify the weaknesses of the language of futility in decision making, and describe the criteria used to determine whether a treatment is morally obligatory (proportionate) or morally optional (disproportionate).

INFERTILITY AND SURROGACY

Mary M. Paquette, MD, and more

This panel discussion will discuss how to support couples and families experiencing infertility. The medical options for these families will be described, as well as best practices for psycho-social support, treatment and intervention on behalf of patients.

SACRAMENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE FOR THE DYING: SUFFERING, COMPASSION, AND HOPE

Msgr. James P. Shea

This presentation will explore how to provide sacramental and spiritual care to patients and their families in a way that is sensitive to a variety of medical, professional, and social contexts. It will explore how to offer a sufficiently robust spiritual care to patients who are Catholic and consider how to offer spiritual care to patients who are of other faiths than the medical and spiritual care team.