

*Converging Roads* – Houston, TX  
Saturday, April 2, 2022 | Holy Rosary Catholic Church

## FUNDAMENTAL HEALTH CARE ETHICS

8:00 AM	MASS (Holy Rosary Catholic Church) CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION (Holy Rosary Ballroom)
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS (Holy Rosary Ballroom)
9:25 – 10:20 AM	MEDICINE AT THE SERVICE OF THE HUMAN PERSON Timothy J. Furlan, PhD, MBE
10:25 – 11:25 AM	VOCATION OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP
11:25 – 11:40 AM	BREAK
11:40 AM – 12:40 PM	THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS FOR CHILDREN IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND DiAnn Ecret, PhD, MSN, RN, MA
12:40 – 2:15 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:10 – 2:10 PM	ST. JOHN PAUL II ON THE ROLE OF TRUTH AND FREEDOM IN MEDICINE Rev. Raphael Mary Salzillo, OP, PhD
2:10 – 2:15 PM	RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
2:15 – 2:35 PM	BREAK
2:35 – 3:35 PM	HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OUR MIDST Deb O'Hara-Rusckowski, RN, MBA, MTS
3:40 – 4:40 PM	THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: ACCESS TO CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe
4:40 – 4:55 PM	BREAK
4:55 – 5:55 PM	THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP; Timothy J. Furlan, PhD; and Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe
6:00 – 6:45 PM	WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

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## **FUNDAMENTAL HEALTH CARE ETHICS**

### **MEDICINE AT THE SERVICE OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

**Timothy J. Furlan, PhD, MBE**

This presentation will outline how medicine should serve and respect the good of the human person. It will discuss the implications of the secularization of medicine and medical ethics upon the treatment of the human person and evaluate how contemporary medicine undermines the good of the human person, citing specific examples.

### **THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS FOR CHILDREN IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND**

**DiAnn Ecret, PhD, MSN, RN, MA**

This presentation will evaluate the mental health crisis and suicidal ideation, which has preceded the COVID pandemic and has only been exacerbated by the pandemic, particularly for children and adolescents. It will assess varying strategies for health care professionals in collaboration with families and schools to address the causes of stressors that have increased the struggles with suicide ideation, hopelessness, anxiety, and depression.

### **HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OUR MIDST**

**Deb O'Hara Rusckowski, RN, MBA, MTS**

This presentation will discuss the tragedy of human trafficking and the role of medical professionals in addressing this crisis in places where medicine and trafficking intersect. It will propose effective response to victims of trafficking who present to medical professionals in the clinical context.

### **THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE**

**Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP; Timothy J. Furlan, PhD; and  
Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe**

This panel discussion will address the relationship between public health and the practice of medicine in light of ethics. It will define public health and discuss how the principles of human dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity should guide the conversation between public health and the practice of good health care.

### **VOCATION OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL**

**Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP**

This presentation will focus on the need for the practice of virtue for all health care professionals. It will identify the essential virtues for the health care worker, analyze some of the root causes of burnout among health care professionals, and explain how saintly physicians such as St. Giuseppe Moscati and St. Gianna Molla serve as models of the virtues needed for patient care.

### **ST. JOHN PAUL II ON THE ROLE OF TRUTH AND FREEDOM IN MEDICINE**

**Rev. Raphael Mary Salzillo, OP, PhD**

This presentation will discuss the relationship between truth and freedom in the theology of St. John Paul II and the implications of this relationship for the practice of medicine. It will determine how the correlation between freedom and truth affects the development of the conscience of the individual health care professional.

### **THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: ACCESS TO CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

**Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe**

This presentation will appraise the unique challenges of and importance of securing access to health care for poor and vulnerable populations. It will propose effective models for ensuring robust access to health care and discuss the challenges, joys, and unique needs of health care to the poor and undocumented.