

*Converging Roads* – Archdiocese of New Orleans  
Saturday, March 26, 2022 | New Orleans, LA

## THE ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT: THE VOCATION TO MEDICINE

7:00 AM	CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION
7:30 AM	MASS
8:30 AM	OPENING REMARKS Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond
8:40 – 9:40 AM	POPE FRANCIS ON THE GOOD SAMARITAN AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE Rev. Peter J. Fonseca
9:45 – 10:45 AM	GENDER IDENTITY DISCORDANCE: SUPPORTING PATIENTS AND FAMILIES Rev. Philip G. Bochanski, MDiv, MA
10:45 – 11:00 AM	BREAK
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	ACCOMPANYING THE SICK AND THE DYING: PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE Sarah E. Hetue Hill, MA, PhD
12:00 – 1:40 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
12:35 – 1:35 PM	THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH: COUNTERING A SECULARIST BIOETHICS Thomas A. Cavanaugh, PhD
1:35 – 1:40 PM	RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
1:40 – 2:00 PM	BREAK
1:45 – 2:30 PM	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
2:00 – 3:00 PM	VOCATION OF MEDICINE Frank E. Schmidt, MD
3:05 – 4:05 PM	VACCINES: MORAL OBLIGATIONS, PRUDENTIAL JUDGEMENTS, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE COMMON GOOD Michael J. Deem, PhD
4:05 – 4:20 PM	BREAK
4:20 – 5:20 PM	ACCOMPANYING THE DISABLED IN UTERO AND FIRST YEAR OF LIFE: MEDICAL AND PASTORAL INTERVENTIONS Robin Pierucci, MD, MA
5:20 – 5:30 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
5:30 – 6:30 PM	WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

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\*Schedule is subject to change

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## **THE ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT: THE VOCATION TO MEDICINE**

### **POPE FRANCIS ON THE GOOD SAMARITAN AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE**

Rev. Peter J. Fonseca

This presentation will identify characteristics of the theology of Pope Francis that will be insightful for health care professionals in accompanying their patients and their families. It will examine the role of a healthcare professional in relationship to colleagues, patients, and their families in light of Pope Francis's emphasis on solidarity between all human persons.

### **GENDER IDENTITY DISCORDANCE: SUPPORTING PATIENTS AND FAMILIES**

Rev. Philip G. Bochanski, MDiv, MA

This presentation will prepare the health care professional to provide kind and compassionate pastoral care to patients with gender dysphoria and their family members.

### **ACCOMPANYING THE SICK AND THE DYING: PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE**

Sarah E. Hetue Hill, MA, PhD

This presentation will provide health care professionals and patients with an understanding of the role of palliative care, especially towards the end of life. It will identify the key ethical principles that guide decision making when patients are no longer aggressively pursuing curative measures.

### **THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH: COUNTERING A SECULARIST BIOETHICS**

Thomas A. Cavanaugh, PhD

This presentation will offer an overview of the Hippocratic Oath and its implications for medical care provided to patients. It will compare and contrast medicine rooted in an aggressive secularism with medicine rooted in the Hippocratic Oath.

### **VOCATION OF MEDICINE**

Frank E. Schmidt, MD

This presentation will outline the unique call and mission of the health care professional, as well as discuss the challenges a health care professional experiences in the current cultural environment

### **VACCINES: MORAL OBLIGATIONS, PRUDENTIAL JUDGEMENTS, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE COMMON GOOD**

Michael J. Deem, PhD

This presentation will identify the importance of vaccinations from a medical and ethical perspective. It will analyze the ethical and moral responsibility regarding vaccinations, as well as consider the ethical responsibilities of the individual relative to vaccination in light of the common good.

### **ACCOMPANYING THE DISABLED IN UTERO AND FIRST YEAR OF LIFE: MEDICAL AND PASTORAL INTERVENTIONS**

Robin Pierucci, MD, MA

This presentation will explore how the neonatal and pediatric medical teams can intervene on behalf of their patients with disabilities while supporting families as they adjust to life after diagnosis of a disability.