

Converging Roads – Diocese of Baton Rouge
Saturday, August 27, 2022 | The Tracy Center

MEDICAL ETHICS IN LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

7:30 AM	CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION BEGINS (MAIN AUDITORIUM/BALLROOM)
8:00 AM	MASS (CHAPEL) Celebrant: Most Rev. Michael G. Duca
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS (MAIN AUDITORIUM/BALLROOM)
9:25 – 10:25 AM	KEY PRINCIPLES IN BIOETHICS Jeffrey P. Bishop, MD, PhD
10:30 – 11:30 AM	THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH: PLURALISM, PROFIT, AND THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE PATIENT Dominique J. Monlezun, MD, PhD, PhD, MPH
11:30 – 11:40 AM	BREAK
11:40 AM – 12:40 PM	VACCINES: MORAL OBLIGATIONS, PRUDENTIAL JUDGEMENTS, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE COMMON GOOD Michael J. Redinger, MD, MA
12:40 – 2:15 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:10 – 2:10 PM	THE REDEMPTIVE MEANING OF HUMAN SUFFERING Roland Millare, STD
2:10 – 2:15 PM	RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
2:15 – 2:35 PM	BREAK
2:20 – 3:05 PM	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
2:35 – 3:35 PM	AN ETHICAL ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND CARE Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe
3:40 – 4:40 PM	GENDER DYSPHORIA: SCIENCE, IDEOLOGY, AND ETHICS Deacon Patrick Lappert, MD
4:40 – 4:55 PM	BREAK
4:55 – 5:55 PM	GENETIC SCREENING, GENETIC ENGINEERING, THE GIFT OF LIFE, AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON Rev. Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco, OP, PhD, STD
5:55 – 6:45 PM	CLOSING REMARKS WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

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KEY PRINCIPLES IN BIOETHICS

Jeffrey P. Bishop, MD, PhD

This presentation will assess how the discussion and consideration of bioethics has been influenced by the dominance of technology. It will contrast secular bioethics focused on technology with bioethics focused on the primacy of the person in light of religious worship, and will outline how religious faith and worship can reorient bioethics to its appropriate care and respect for persons.

THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH: PLURALISM, PROFIT, AND THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE PATIENT

Dominique J. Monlezun, MD, PhD, MPH

This presentation will offer an overview of the Hippocratic Oath in conjunction with the development of an Aristotelian-Thomistic Personalist virtue ethics and its implications for medical care provided to patients. It will provide common medical case studies demonstrating the limits of a secular bioethics in contrast with the value of rooting the Hippocratic tradition in a personalist virtue ethics.

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

Michael J. Redinger, MD, MA

This presentation will identify the importance of vaccinations from a medical and ethical perspective. It will discuss the importance of vaccinations to secure optimal outcomes for the general population and the negative impact of non-vaccinated populations. It will analyze the ethical and moral responsibility regarding vaccinations, and will consider the ethical responsibilities of the individual relative to vaccinations in light of the common good.

THE REDEMPTIVE MEANING OF HUMAN SUFFERING

Roland Millare, STD

This presentation will discuss the meaning of human suffering and how health care professionals can walk with patients at the end of life and bring hope. It will discuss the meaning and purpose of suffering and how to help patients mature through suffering, recommend different ways of demonstrating compassion in the care of patients and their families, and evaluate the role of hope and how to foster hope appropriately within the patients and families served.

AN ETHICAL ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND CARE

Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe

This lecture will examine the various social ethics questions relating to the allocation of health care resources and care. It will identify situations in which health care providers will have to address the situation of how to allocate resources and care ethically, and will discuss how the principles of the dignity of the human person, solidarity, the common good, and the virtue of justice can guide decisions relating to the ethical allocation of resources and care.

GENDER DYSPHORIA: SCIENCE, IDEOLOGY, AND ETHICS

Deacon Patrick W. Lappert, MD

This presentation will describe the current cultural trends in the area of gender dysphoria and evaluate the medical interventions in light of current research. It will discuss the medical psychosocial realities of gender dysphoria and the influence of culture on medical treatments and interventions, and will recommend compassionate care for patients and families dealing with gender dysphoria

GENETIC SCREENING, GENETIC ENGINEERING, THE GIFT OF LIFE, AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

Rev. Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco, OP, PhD, STD

This presentation will examine the ethical questions relating to genetic screening, genetic engineering, and genetic interventions. It will explain how the dignity and respect for the human person must guide the ethics of genetic screening and genetic engineering.