



**Converging Roads Conference: Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society**  
**St John Paul II Foundation**  
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**Objectives:**

- Define the unique mission of Catholic health care in light of its emphasis on the dignity of the human person and the preferential option for the poor.
- Describe the challenges of a religious healthcare provider in serving the whole person in an era of secular medical ethics.
- Demonstrate the distinct approach of Catholic health care in light of varying case studies.
- Define religious liberty and the role of the conscience in the role of the health care professional.
- Identify why religious liberty is essential to human flourishing.
- Discuss the relationship between truth and conscience.
- Appraise the current challenges that health care professionals face in the best practices of medicine.
- Discuss the legal trends of physician assisted suicide in the U.S. and Florida.
- Identify ways that the medical community can address physician assisted suicide in their respective areas of medicine.
- Demonstrate how the medical community's long tradition of doing no harm to patients and accompanying them through sickness and the end of life is the Catholic answer to physician assisted suicide and euthanasia.
- Discuss medical psychosocial realities of gender dysphoria.
- Identify anthropological and medical basis for medical and psychological interventions.
- Describe medical outcomes of puberty suppression and gender reassignment surgeries and whether these interventions are in

keeping with medical data and best patient outcomes.

- Propose ways in which health care professionals may approach and treat transgender patients with compassion and charity.
- Describe the unique Christian understanding of suffering, anthropology, and death.
- Discuss the role of sacraments and prayer as part of the essential pastoral care of the sick.
- Outline ways in which health care providers can support the administration of the sacraments and the offering of prayer as part of the pastoral care of the sick.
- Identify the ethical challenges and concerns about pharmaceutical companies and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).
- Describe the ethical standards that ought to govern the pharmaceutical sector in drug patents, drug cost, and drug labeling.
- Describe a well-formed conscience and the basic human right to discharge one's conscience.
- Discuss the challenges that health care professionals may face with respect to the freedom of conscience.
- Outline guidance for health care professionals to act in accordance with the dictates of their conscience.

### Agenda

TIME	TOPIC TITLE	FACULTY NAME	NUMBER OF CREDITS
9:25 – 10:25 AM	The Well-Formed Conscience of a Health Care Professional	Fr. Columba Thomas, OP, MD	1.0 Hour
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Truth, Conscience, and Religious Liberty in Health Care	Mary Rice Hasson, JD	1.0 Hour
11:30-11:45 AM	Break	-----	-----
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	The Unique Mission of Catholic Health Care	Cody F. Feikles, MA, MTS, HEC-C	1.0 Hour
12:45 – 2:25 PM	Lunch	-----	-----
1:20- 2:20 PM	The Role of the Sacraments and Prayer in the Care of the Sick and Dying	Roger Nutt, STL, STD	1.0 Hour
2:20 – 2:45 PM	Break	-----	-----
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Ethical Standards in the Pharmaceutical Industry	Sr. Michaela Serpa, FSE, MA, PharmD, BCPS	1.0 Hour
3:45 – 4:45 PM	The Role of the Medical Community in Service to the Sick and Dying in a Throwaway Culture	Fr. Columba Thomas, OP, MD Cody F. Feikles, MA, MTS, HEC-C Sr. Michaela Serpa, FSE, MA, PharmD, BCPS	1.0 Hour
4:45 – 4:55 PM	Break	-----	-----
4:55 – 5:55 PM	Approaching Gender Dysphoria with Compassion and in Light of the Science	Deacon Patrick W. Lappert, MD	1.0 Hour
TOTAL			7 Hours

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