

Converging Roads – Diocese of Venice
Saturday, February 17, 2024 | St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

CATHOLIC MEDICINE IN A SECULAR SOCIETY

7:30 AM	CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION BEGINS
8:00 AM	MASS Celebrant: Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice
9:25 – 10:25 AM	THE WELL-FORMED CONSCIENCE OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL Fr. Columba Thomas, OP, MD
10:30 – 11:30 AM	TRUTH, CONSCIENCE, AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN HEALTH CARE Mary Rice Hasson, JD
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
12:45 – 2:25 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:20 – 2:20 PM	THE ROLE OF THE SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER IN THE CARE OF THE SICK AND DYING Roger Nutt, STL, STD
2:20 – 2:25 PM	RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
2:25 – 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:25 – 3:10 PM	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
2:45 – 3:45 PM	ETHICAL STANDARDS IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY Sr. Michaela Serpa, FSE, MA, PharmD, BCPS
3:45 – 4:45 PM	THE ROLE OF THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY IN SERVICE TO THE SICK AND DYING IN A THROWAWAY CULTURE Natalie King, MD, MA
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
5:55 – 6:05 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
6:05 – 6:45 PM	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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THE WELL-FORMED CONSCIENCE OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

Fr. Columba Thomas, OP, MD

This presentation will discuss the importance of the proper formation of the conscience for the practice of ethical medicine. Proper conscience formation will also be explained and contrasted with the current cultural understanding.

TRUTH, CONSCIENCE, AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN HEALTH CARE

Mary Rice Hasson, JD

This presentation will discuss the connection between religious liberty, truth, and conscience for health care professionals.

THE UNIQUE MISSION OF CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE

Cody F. Feikles, MA, MTS, HEC-C

This presentation will outline the distinct identity and mission of Catholic hospitals in contrast with a completely secularized approach to health care.

THE ROLE OF THE SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER IN THE CARE OF THE SICK AND DYING

Roger Nutt, STL, STD

This presentation will explore how to provide sacramental and spiritual care to patients and their families. A particular emphasis will be given to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

ETHICAL STANDARDS IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

Sr. Michaela Serpa, FSE, MA, PharmD, BCPS

This presentation will identify the ethical issues which exist in the pharmaceutical industry today. Opportunities to address and minimize the negative dimensions will be discussed.

THE ROLE OF THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY IN SERVICE TO THE SICK AND DYING IN A THROWAWAY CULTURE

Natalie King, MD, MA

This presentation will address the challenges facing healthcare workers, caring for patients nearing the end of life, specifically in addressing requests for hastening death. A palliative medicine physician will share through her personal experience and faith how she has worked to tend to the needs of her vulnerable patients, with a reverence and dignity towards helping them live the best life possible until natural death.

APPROACHING GENDER DYSPHORIA WITH COMPASSION AND IN LIGHT OF THE SCIENCE

Deacon Patrick W. Lappert, MD

This presentation will describe the current cultural trends in the area of gender reassignment, diagnostic tests for gender dysphoria, and puberty suppression. It will propose ways that health care professionals can compassionately and charitably approach transgender patients.