

Converging Roads – Archdiocese of San Francisco
Saturday, March 9, 2024 | St. Patrick's Seminary & University

FUNDAMENTAL HEALTH CARE ETHICS

8:00 AM	CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION BEGINS
8:30 AM	MASS Celebrant: Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone
9:45 AM	OPENING REMARKS Arland K. Nichols, PhD (cand.)
9:55 – 10:55 AM	IMAGO DEI: HUMAN DIGNITY AS A FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL ETHICS Arland K. Nichols, PhD (cand.)
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	THE GOOD SAMARITAN AND THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE Natalie King, MD, MA
12:00 – 12:15 PM	BREAK
12:15 – 1:15 PM	THE UNIQUE MISSION OF CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE Dolores Meehan, NP; Lelanya Kearns, MD; Cynthia Hunt, MD
1:15 – 2:50 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:45 – 2:45 PM	A CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY FOR UNDERSTANDING GENDER AND SEXUALITY Theresa Farnan, PhD
2:45 – 2:50 PM	RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
2:50 – 3:10 PM	BREAK
2:50 – 3:35 PM	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
3:10 – 4:10 PM	WELLNESS AND CARE FOR THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL Julian Lagoy, MD; Rev. Gary Thomas, M. Div.; and William Stigall, MD, MA
4:15 – 5:15 PM	CHALLENGING PRENATAL DIAGNOSES AND THE GIFT OF HUMAN DIGNITY William Stigall, MD, MA
5:15 – 5:25 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
5:25 – 6:00 PM	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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IMAGO DEI: HUMAN DIGNITY AS A FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL ETHICS

Arland K. Nichols, PhD (cand.), President, St. John Paul II Foundation

This presentation will establish the foundation of the dignity of the person as the basis for medicine. It will consider the responsibility of patient and practitioner in being a good steward of life and health. It will propose the theological, philosophical, and biological basis for a Catholic understanding of human dignity.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN AND THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

Natalie King, MD, MA, Palliative Medicine Physician, Intermountain Healthcare

This presentation will explore how to encourage a clinical culture that honors the dignity of each patient and that is truly focused on the whole patient experience. It will consider the role a hospital has in creating a culture that grapples with and gives meaning to suffering experienced by patients, and provide practical guidance for creating that culture.

THE UNIQUE MISSION OF CATHOLIC HOSPITALS

Dolores Meehan, NP, Nurse Practitioner and Executive Director, Bella Primary Care; **Lelanya Kearns** El Camino Health; and **MD; Cynthia Hunt, MD** Psychiatrist and Chair of Catholic Medical Association National Opioid Task Force. This panel discussion will outline the distinct identity and mission of Catholic hospitals in contrast with a completely secularized approach to health care. It will explore different case studies and the challenges faced by religious healthcare providers in serving the whole person.

A CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY FOR UNDERSTANDING GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Theresa Farnan, PhD, Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and Co-founder of Person and Identity Project

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

WELLNESS AND CARE FOR THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

Julian Lagoy, MD, Psychiatrist, Mindpath Health; **Rev. Gary Thomas, M. Div.** Director of Propaedeutic Year Program, St. Patrick's Seminary & University; and **William Stigall, MD, MA**, Adjunct Asst. Professor, University of Dallas, Department of Philosophy

This panel discussion will inform health care professionals of the importance of securing their own health and how to assist patients in holistic healing, noting the necessity to clarify the truth of what it means to be human. In addition, medical professionals will learn how outcomes are impacted by a holistic approach – body, mind, and spirit – to healing.

CHALLENGING PRENATAL DIAGNOSES AND THE GIFT OF HUMAN DIGNITY

William Stigall, MD, MA, Adjunct Asst. Professor, University of Dallas, Department of Philosophy

This presentation and case study will explore how the neonatal and pediatric medical teams can intervene on behalf of their patients with potentially life limiting diagnoses, while also supporting families as they adjust to a potentially medically intricate home. It will describe how medical professionals may navigate difficult conversations with medical, social and ethical implications.