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Converging Roads – Diocese of Pittsburgh
Saturday, November 16, 2024 | Diocesan Pastoral Center

HEALTH CARE AT THE SERVICE OF HUMAN DIGNITY

7:30 AM	**CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION BEGINS**
8:00 AM	**MASS** Celebrant: Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh
9:15 AM	**OPENING REMARKS** Susie Saenz
9:25 – 10:25 AM	**THE FULL FLOURISHING OF THE HUMAN PERSON WITHIN MEDICINE** Deacon Michael J. Deem, PhD
10:30 – 11:30 AM	**THE VOCATION OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL** Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD
11:30 – 11:45 AM	**BREAK**
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	**THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH** Claudia R. Sotomayor, MD, DBe
12:45 – 2:25 PM	**HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON**
1:20 – 2:20 PM	**PRACTICING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE IN A SECULAR CULTURE** Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP; Anthony Isacco, PhD; and Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD
2:20 – 2:25 PM	**RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL**
2:25 – 2:45 PM	**BREAK**
2:30 – 3:15 PM	**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
2:45 – 3:45 PM	**RESTORATIVE REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE** Naomi Whittaker, MD, OBGYN
3:50 – 4:50 PM	**THE SCIENCE BEHIND FERTILITY AWARENESS BASED METHODS** Brian Burke, MD
4:50 – 5:00 PM	**BREAK**
5:00 – 6:00 PM	**THE ROLE OF SPIRITUALITY IN HEALTH CARE** Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP
6:00 – 6:05 PM	**CLOSING REMARKS**
6:05 – 6:45 PM	**WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION**

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THE FLOURISHING OF THE HUMAN PESRON WITHIN MEDICINE

Michael J. Deem, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Human Genetics, Core Faculty, Center for Bioethics and Health Law, Director, Consortium Ethics Program, University of Pittsburgh

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.

THE VOCATION OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD, Pediatrician

This presentation will outline the unique call and mission of the health care professional and explain the unique relationship of the health care provider with his or her patients.

THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Claudia Sotomayor, MD, Dbe, Clinical Ethicist and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Georgetown University

This presentation will explore the role of social determinants of health in securing positive outcomes for patients and communities. Consideration will be given to some of the challenges associated with traditional medical care assuming responsibility for social determinants to health.

PRACTICING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE IN A SECULAR CULTURE

Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP; Anthony Isacco, PhD, Professor, Director of Training for PsyD Program, Chatham University**; and Gwyneth Anne Spaeder, MD**

This panel presentation will discuss the distinct ethical practices, spiritual convictions, and contributions of Catholic healthcare providers to the full flourishing of their patients.

RESTORATIVE REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

Naomi Whittaker, MD, OBGYN

This presentation will explore the unique approaches to the medical care of a woman that restores her physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND FERTILITY AWARENESS BASED METHODS

Brian Burke, MD

This presentation will examine how Fertility Awareness Based Methods serve the health and well-being of female and male patients when addressing appropriate family planning and infertility. The presenter will discuss medical and surgical treatments that cooperate completely with the reproductive system.

THE ROLE OF SPIRITUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Director of the University of Michigan Medical School Program on Health, Spirituality, and Religion

This presentation considers the role of spirituality and religion in relationship to health and the importance of healthcare professionals to grasp the significance of the spiritual beliefs of their patients.

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