

*Converging Roads* – Diocese of Baton Rouge  
Saturday, August 17, 2024 | Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University

## SEXUALITY & FERTILITY IN MEDICINE

7:30 AM	CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION BEGINS (MAIN AUDITORIUM/BALLROOM)
8:00 AM	<b>MASS (ATRIUM)</b> Celebrant: Most Rev. Michael G. Duca
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS (CLASSROOMS/ST. FRANCIS HALL)
9:25 – 10:25 AM	<b>THE CONJUGAL RELATIONSHIP AND THE FLOURISHING OF MARITAL LOVE</b> Irene Alexander, PhD, Associate Professor of Theology, University of Dallas
10:25 – 10:35 AM	BREAK
10:35 – 11:35 AM	<b>NAPROTECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN FLOURISHING</b> Sr. Renee Mirkes, OSF, PhD, Director, Center for NaProEthics, Saint Paul VI Institute
11:35 – 11:45 AM	BREAK
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	<b>FERTILITY AWARENESS BASED METHODS AND THE TREATMENT OF INFERTILITY</b> Marguerite Duane, MD, MHA, FAAFP, Co-Founder and Executive Director, FACTS About Fertility
12:45 – 2:20 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:15 – 2:15 PM	<b>TREATING THE FEMALE PATIENT THROUGH RESTORATIVE MEDICINE</b> Jamie Hernandez, MD, FACOG, CFCMC, Obstetrician-Gynecologist, Caritas Women's Care
2:15 – 2:20 PM	RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
2:20 – 2:40 PM	BREAK
2:20 – 3:05 PM	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
2:40 – 3:40 PM	<b>SPIRITUAL AND FAMILIAL SUPPORT WHEN SUFFERING WITH INFERTILITY</b> Marguerite Duane, MD, MHA, FAAFP, Co-Founder and Executive Director, FACTS, Jamie Hernandez, MD, FACOG, CFCMC, Obstetrician-Gynecologist, Caritas Women's Care, Sr. Renee Mirkes, OSF, PhD, Director, Center for NaProEthics, Saint Paul VI Institute
3:40 – 3:50 PM	BREAK
3:50 – 4:50 PM	<b>SCIENCE AND ETHICS OF SURROGACY</b> Kallie Fell, MS, BSN, RN, Executive Director, Center for Bioethics and Culture
4:50 – 5:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
5:00 – 5:45 PM	WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION (ATRIUM)

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### THE CONJUGAL RELATIONSHIP AND THE FLOURISHING OF MARITAL LOVE

Irene Alexander, PhD

This presentation will outline an approach to the marriage relationship as a covenant that serves as a foundation for understanding a particular ethical approach to fertility.

### NAPROTECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN FLOURISHING

Sr. Renee Mirkes, OSF, PhD

This presentation will describe NaPro Technology and how it can be used to assist in the flourishing of the woman as a whole.

### FERTILITY AWARENESS BASED METHODS AND THE TREATMENT OF INFERTILITY

Marguerite Duane, MD, MHA, FAAFP

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

### TREATING THE FEMALE PATIENT THROUGH RESTORATIVE MEDICINE

Jamie Hernandez, MD, FACOG, CFCMC

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

### SPIRITUAL AND FAMILIAL SUPPORT WHEN SUFFERING WITH INFERTILITY

Marguerite Duane, MD, MHA, FAAFP; Jamie Hernandez, MD, FACOG, CFCMC; Sr. Renee Mirkes, OSF, PhD

This panel presentation will prepare the healthcare professional to provide kind and compassionate pastoral care to patients suffering with infertility and discuss how to support and provide hope to their families.

### SCIENCE AND ETHICS OF SURROGACY

Kallie Fell, MS, BSN, RN

This presentation will discuss the current practices and ethics related to the use of surrogacy and IVF as a means of addressing infertility.