

*Converging Roads* – Archdiocese of Omaha  
Saturday, October 19, 2024 | Creighton University

## FUNDAMENTAL HEALTH CARE ETHICS

7:30 AM	CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION BEGINS
8:00 AM	WHITE MASS Celebrant: Most Rev. George J. Lucas
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS Arland K. Nichols, PhD
9:25 – 10:25 AM	HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD
10:25 – 10:35 AM	BREAK
10:35 – 11:35 AM	THE VOCATION OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP
11:35 – 11:45 AM	BREAK
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	THE CATHOLIC APPROACH TO CARING AND ACCOMPANYING THE DYING Dcn. Stephen E. Doran, MD, MA
12:45 – 2:20 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:15 – 2:15 PM	SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CONSIDERATIONS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: AN INTEGRATIVE PERSPECTIVE Anthony Isacco, PhD
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	CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP; Anthony Isacco, PhD; Thomas Lenz, PharmD, FACLM
3:40 – 3:50 PM	BREAK
3:50 – 4:50 PM	MEDICAL AND SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS IN LIGHT OF THE GIFT OF FERTILITY Kristina Pakiz, MD, dipABOG
4:50 – 5:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
5:00 – 5:45 PM	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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### **HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE**

Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, and Associate Director, Center for Bioethics, The Ohio State University College of Medicine

This presentation will establish the foundation of the dignity of the person as the basis for the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare*.

### **THE VOCATION OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL**

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

This presentation will focus on the need for the practice of virtue for all health care professionals.

### **THE CATHOLIC APPROACH TO CARING AND ACCOMPANYING THE DYING**

Dcn. Stephen E. Doran, MD, MA Clinical Faculty, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Department of Neurosurgery, CEO/CMO Midwest Surgical Hospital

This presentation will discuss the meaning of human suffering and how health care professionals can walk with patients at the end of life and provide sacramental and spiritual care to patients and their families in a way that it is fitting for the mission of the institution, the perspective of the health care professional, and the needs of the patient.

### **SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CONSIDERATIONS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: AN INTEGRATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

Anthony Isacco, PhD, Professor, Director of Training for PsyD Program, Chatham University

This presentation will identify spiritual and religious considerations to the present mental health crisis, including how to develop an integrative approach to evidence-based interventions for health care providers in medical settings.

### **CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER**

Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP; Anthony Isacco, PhD; Thomas Lenz, PharmD, FACLM

This panel presentation will inform doctors 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, health care professionals will learn how outcomes are impacted by a holistic approach – body, mind, and spirit – to healing.

### **MEDICAL AND SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS IN LIGHT OF THE GIFT OF FERTILITY**

Kristina Pakiz, MD, dipABOG, CEO of Vivify Women's Health & Fertility, LLC

This presentation will examine ethical medical options for patients which serve the health and well-being of female patients when addressing infertility and appropriate family planning. The presenter will discuss medical and surgical treatments that cooperate completely with the reproductive system.