

Converging Roads – Houston, TX
Saturday, April 12, 2025 | University of St. Thomas

CATHOLIC SOCIAL DOCTRINE IN MEDICINE

7:30 AM	CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION BEGINS
8:00 AM	MASS Celebrant: Rev. Eduardo Rivera, CSB
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS Susie Saenz
9:25 – 10:25 AM	CATHOLIC SOCIAL DOCTRINE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE James O. Breen, MD
10:25 – 10:35 AM	BREAK
10:35 – 11:35 AM	HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE INFORMED CONSENT MODEL IN HEALTH CARE: IMPLICATIONS FOR TREATING GENDER IDENTITY DISCORDANCE Rev. Robert Gahl
11:35 – 11:45 AM	BREAK
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	RESPONSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES IN PROVIDING HEALTH CARE TO THE POOR OR UNDOCUMENTED James O. Breen, MD; John Butler, MD; and Mary T. Neal, MD
12:45 – 2:20 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:15 – 2:15 PM	SAINT GIUSEPPI MOSCATI: A MODEL PHYSICIAN FOR THE POOR Thomas M Carroll II, MD, PhD
2:15 – 2:20 PM	RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
2:20 – 2:40 PM	BREAK
2:20 – 3:10 PM	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
2:40 – 3:40 PM	SUBSIDIARITY AND HEALTH CARE REFORM Cliff Porter, MD, PhD
3:40 – 3:50 PM	BREAK
3:50 – 4:50 PM	COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION WITH NON-CATHOLIC PARTNERS Marysanta Bigony, PhD, RN, MSN, MA, CCM, PHCNS-BC, EMT-B
4:50 – 5:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
5:00 – 5:45 PM	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL DOCTRINE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE

James O. Breen, MD, Associate Clinical Professor of Family Medicine, Florida State University; Founder and Owner, Benedict Medicine

This presentation will provide an overview of the principles of Catholic social teaching and how medical care animated by these principles secures positive outcomes for patients and their families.

HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE INFORMED CONSENT MODEL IN HEALTH CARE: IMPLICATIONS FOR TREATING GENDER IDENTITY DISCORDANCE

Rev. Robert Gahl, Associate Professor of Church Management and Director of Church Management Programs

This presentation will explore the intersection of human dignity, justice, and the Informed Consent Model in health care from a Catholic bioethical perspective. This presentation will assess the benefits and shortcomings of this model of care as a means of promoting the full flourishing of the person and examine the implications of this model for treating gender identity discordance

RESPONSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES IN PROVIDING HEALTH CARE TO THE POOR OR UNDOCUMENTED

James O. Breen, MD, Associate Clinical Professor of Family Medicine, Florida State University; Founder and Owner, Benedict Medicine, **John Butler, MD** Infectious Disease; and **Mary T. Neal, MD**, Obstetrician-Gynecologist

This panel will explore the unique challenges and importance of securing access to health care for poor and undocumented immigrant populations.

SAINT GIUSEPPI MOSCATI: A MODEL PHYSICIAN FOR THE POOR

Thomas M. Carroll, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Rochester Medical Center

This presentation focuses on how the life and legacy of Saint Giuseppi Moscati, a model physician, highlights the importance of patient centered care and an approach to medicine that integrates principles of Catholic social doctrine in health care.

SUBSIDIARITY AND HEALTH CARE REFORM

Cliff Porter, MD PhD, Managing Partner and Founder of Texas Direct Medical Care

This presentation explores the principle of subsidiarity in the context of health care reform, emphasizing its role in promoting just, equitable, and patient-centered care.

COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION WITH NON-CATHOLIC PARTNERS

Marysanta Bigony, PhD, RN, MSN, MA, CCM, PHCNS-BC, EMT-B, Clinical Assistant Professor

This presentation explores the benefits and the ethical challenges of the collaboration between Catholic and non-Catholic partners in health care.