

*Converging Roads* – Archdiocese of Omaha  
Saturday, October 11, 2025 | Creighton University

## HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

7:30 AM	CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION BEGINS
8:00 AM	WHITE MASS Celebrant: Most Rev. Michael G. McGovern
9:15 AM	OPENING REMARKS Susie Saenz
9:25 – 10:25 AM	THE DISTINCT HEALING MISSION WITHIN MEDICINE James O. Breen, MD
10:25 – 10:35 AM	BREAK
10:35 – 11:35 AM	HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE ETHICS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTH CARE Dominique J. Monlezun, MD, PhD, MPH
11:35 – 11:45 AM	BREAK
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	NAVIGATING POOR PRENATAL DIAGNOSES WITH COMPASSION Mark Bergeron, MD, MPH, MBA, CPE, FAAP
12:45 – 2:20 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
1:15 – 2:15 PM	THE SCIENCE OF COMPASSION AND THE VIRTUE OF HOPE IN HEALTH CARE Nicole Piemonte, 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	LANGUAGE AND THE ART OF ACCOMPANYING THE SICK, THE ELDERLY, THE DYING, AND THEIR FAMILIES Rev. Jim Clifton, SJ and Nicole Piemonte, PhD
3:40 – 3:50 PM	BREAK
3:50 – 4:50 PM	ETHICAL CONCERNS FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Rev. Kevin T. FitzGerald, SJ, PhD, PhD
4:50 – 5:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
5:00 – 5:45 PM	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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### THE DISTINCT HEALING MISSION WITHIN MEDICINE

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

This presentation will develop the unique relationship between the Christian understanding of the human person (anthropology) and its impact upon ethics. This talk will draw upon the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare* to highlight what is unique about the Catholic Christian approach to medicine.

### HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE ETHICS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTH CARE

**Dominique J. Monlezun, MD, PhD, MPH**, Assistant Professor, Hospital Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic; Professor, Bioethics, Universidad Anáhuac México, Chief Data Scientist, Global System Analytics & Structures

This presentation will explore how artificial intelligence (AI) is being integrated in varying ways within the practice of medicine. Further, this presentation will examine the varying ethical challenges of AI.

### NAVIGATING POOR PRENATAL DIAGNOSES WITH COMPASSION

**Mark Bergeron, MD, MPH, MBA, CPE, FAAP**, Service Line Medical Director of Neonatology, CHI Health - a Member of Common Spirit, Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Creighton University School of Medicine

This presentation will explore how the neonatal and pediatric medical teams can intervene on behalf of their patients with disabilities while supporting families as they adjust to life after diagnosis of a disability.

### THE SCIENCE OF COMPASSION AND THE VIRTUE OF HOPE IN HEALTH CARE

**Nicole Piemonte, PhD** Associate Dean, Faculty Leadership

This presentation will discuss the science of compassion and the virtue of hope insofar as they can improve the quality of care offered to patients.

### LANGUAGE AND THE ART OF ACCOMPANYING THE SICK, THE ELDERLY, THE DYING, AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Rev. Jim Clifton, SJ**, Associate Dean for Mission, Creighton University School of Medicine  
**Nicole Piemonte, PhD** Associate Dean, Faculty Leadership

This panel will provide insight into how we can improve in our use of language to best accompany patients and their families.

### ETHICAL CONCERNS FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**Rev. Kevin T. FitzGerald, SJ, PhD, PhD**, John A. Creighton University Professor and Chair, Dept. of Medical Humanities

This presentation will explore what degree disabilities impact whether particular medical care and interventions should be pursued. From the perspective of the dignity of the person, this presentation will also explore the threat of ableism as it affects persons with disabilities.