

Converging Roads – Diocese of Austin
Saturday, February 28, 2026 | St. John Neumann Catholic Church

THE FUTURE OF HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE

8:00 AM	CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION BEGINS
8:45 AM	MASS Celebrant TBA
9:45 AM	OPENING REMARKS Roland Millare, STD
9:55 – 10:55 AM	HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE AND THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE Kristin M. Collier, MD, FACP
10:55 – 11:05 AM	BREAK
11:05 AM – 12:05 PM	THE PRIMACY OF VIRTUE AND NAVIGATING MORAL COOPERATION IN MEDICINE Jozef Zalot, PhD
12:05 – 1:40 PM	HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON
12:35 – 1:35 PM	INFERTILITY AND THE FLEETING ALLURE OF ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES Jamie Hernandez MD, FACOG, CFCMC
1:35 – 1:40 PM	RECITATION OF THE PROMISE OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL
1:40 – 2:00 PM	BREAK
1:40 – 2:30 PM	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
2:00 – 3:00 PM	BENEFITS AND ETHICAL CHALLENGES OF AI IN HEALTH CARE Mariele Courtois, PhD
3:00 – 3:10 PM	BREAK
3:10 – 4:10 PM	GENETIC SCREENING, GENETIC ENGINEERING, AND HUMAN DIGNITY Caroline Aragón, MS, CGC
4:10 – 4:20 PM	BREAK
4:20 – 5:20 PM	TECHNOLOGY AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN ADOLESCENTS Johann M. D'Souza, PhD
5:20 – 5:30 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
5:30 – 6:15 PM	WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

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HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE AND THE FUTURE OF 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 will offer an overview of the Hippocratic Oath and its implications for medical care provided to patients.

THE PRIMACY OF VIRTUE AND NAVIGATING MORAL COOPERATION IN MEDICINE

Jozef Zalot, PhD, Director of Education and Ethicist, The National Catholic Bioethics Center

This presentation will discuss the importance and primacy of virtue ethics for the health care professional. Additionally, the principle of moral cooperation will be applied within the practice of medicine

INFERTILITY AND THE FLEETING ALLURE OF ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Jamie Hernandez, MD, FACOG, CFMCMC, Obstetrician-Gynecologist, Caritas Women's Care

This presentation will assess ethical medical options for patients struggling with infertility.

BENEFITS AND ETHICAL CHALLENGES OF AI IN HEALTH CARE

Mariele Courtois, PhD, Director, Center for Technology and Human Dignity, Benedictine College

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.

GENETIC SCREENING, GENETIC ENGINEERING, AND HUMAN DIGNITY

Caroline Aragón, MS, CGC, Certified and Licensed Genetic Counselor

This presentation will examine the ethical questions relating to genetic screening, genetic engineering, and genetic interventions.

TECHNOLOGY AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN ADOLESCENTS

Johann M. D'Souza, PhD, Founder and Clinical Psychologist, Values First Therapy PLLC

This presentation will evaluate the mental health crisis among adolescents in tandem with the increased engagement in the use of digital media.