CONVERGING ROADS™
AUSTIN, TX | FEBRUARY 13, 2027

Converging Roads – Diocese of Austin
Saturday, February 13, 2027 | St. John Neumann Catholic Church

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

8:00 AM	**CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION BEGINS**
8:45 AM	**MASS** Celebrant TBA
9:45 AM	**OPENING REMARKS** Anthony Isacco, PhD
9:55 – 10:55 AM	**THE SPLENDOR OF THE HUMAN PERSON AND MEDICINE** Ethan Schimmoeller, MD, MA
10:55 – 11:05 AM	**BREAK**
11:05 AM – 12:05 PM	**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AS AN AID IN MEDICINE** Faculty TBA
12:05 – 1:40 PM	**HIPPOCRATIC OATH LUNCHEON**
12:35 – 1:35 PM	**THE VOCATION OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AMID BURNOUT AND MORAL DISTRESS** Anthony Isacco, PhD
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	**CARING FOR THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL** Faculty TBA
3:00 – 3:10 PM	**BREAK**
3:10 – 4:10 PM	**THE ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIRECTIVES ON CARE FOR THE DYING** Faculty TBA
4:10 – 4:20 PM	**BREAK**
4:20 – 5:20 PM	**HOPE, REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING, DEATH, AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON** Roland Millare, STD
5:20 – 5:30 PM	**CLOSING REMARKS**
5:30 – 6:15 PM	**WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION**

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THE SPLENDOR OF THE HUMAN PERSON AND MEDICINE
Ethan Schimmoeller, MD, MA, Palliative Medicine Physician, Riverside Methodist Hospital

This presentation will outline an understanding of human dignity and anthropology that is essential for the practice of health care in view of the advancements in technology and the development of AI systems that support the human person.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AS AN AID IN MEDICINE
Faculty TBA

This presentation will explore how artificial intelligence (AI) is being integrated within the practice of medicine while acknowledging the varying ethical challenges being posed by AI, including the diminishing perspective of the dignity and agency of the human person.

THE VOCATION OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AMID BURNOUT AND MORAL DISTRESS
Anthony Isacco, PhD, Fellow, St. John Paul II Foundation

This presentation will discuss the unique call and mission of the health care professional while acknowledging the importance of spirituality and the practice of faith especially during instances of burnout and moral distress.

CARING FOR THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL
Faculty TBA

This panel will discuss important forms of self-care for health care professionals. This panel will highlight and explore varying tools and resources that will aid the practice of faith for the health care professional.

THE ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIRECTIVES ON CARE FOR THE DYING
Faculty TBA

This presentation will provide insights into the rationale for the teaching of the Ethical and Religious Directives on care for the dying. This presentation will highlight significant changes in the most recent edition of the *Ethical and Religious Directives*.

HOPE, REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING, DEATH, AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON
Roland Millare, STD, Vice President of Curriculum and Director of Clergy Initiatives, St. John Paul II Foundation

This presentation will discuss the meaning of human suffering and how health care professionals can walk with patients at the end of life and bring hope.

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