The 2016 CMA 85th Annual Education Conference will be held from October 13-15, 2016 in Washington, D.C. Our theme is: “Virtuous Medicine, the Joy and Privilege of the Catholic Physician”. Our theme was inspired, in part, by Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation “Evangelii Gaudium” or “The Joy of the Gospel.” In it, he invites all Christians to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ or at least openness to letting Him encounter us. Pope Francis reminds us that no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord. This document is a call to action for the world’s believers. It covers a wide range of topics including evangelization and an increased openness to the role of the laity which form the backdrop of our theme. Our Episcopal Advisor, Most Reverend James D. Conley, D.D., will open our conference with a more detailed review of this document.

As Catholic physicians, nurses and healthcare professionals, we are in a unique position to evangelize a number of individuals on a daily basis. We are “missionary disciples” and have multiple opportunities to live and share our faith, not only through our words, but more importantly through our actions.

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