



# CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

*Upholding the Principles of the Catholic Faith in the Science and Practice of Medicine*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Leonard P. Rybak, M.D., Ph.D.*



Dear CMA Members and Friends,

This past year has been a great year of growth for the Catholic Medical Association. Despite intense efforts by the CMA in alliance with other Catholic organizations, President Obama signed into law

the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare). Our Health Care Policy Committee, headed by Dr. Steven White, continues to seek ways to respond to this objectionable law. We hope to see significant developments after recently elected pro-life members of Congress take office in January.

Despite this consuming battle, we have made significant strides to grow and to serve our members and the Church. The highlight of the year was the fantastic conference in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Jan Hemstad, his wife, Darcy, and members of his conference planning committee provided us with a truly inspirational meeting. We were also honored by the presence and participation of Dr. José María Simón Castellví, President of FIAMC. He brought greetings from FIAMC and delivered a letter from Monsignor Zygmunt Zimowski, President of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers. Monsignor Zimowski expressed solidarity and encouragement in his message to Catholic physicians as we continue to fight for a culture of life through our practice of medicine.

One of the CMA's most exciting new projects – the development of a new student section of the CMA – was initiated at the mid-year meeting in June. The president of the (formerly) independent Catholic Medical Students Association, who attended the mid-year meeting, requested the assistance of the CMA in revitalizing outreach to medical students. The board immediately pledged its support, and the work of building the new Catholic Medical Association Student Section (CMA-SS) took place over the summer and fall. CMA-SS leaders are extremely enthusiastic about their new status in the CMA. Board members generated donations to establish a new area for students on the CMA website, to support the student leaders in attending annual educational conferences in the future, and to cover administrative costs. The CMA will be soliciting donations in the future to support the CMA-SS. The students are our future members and it is extremely important that

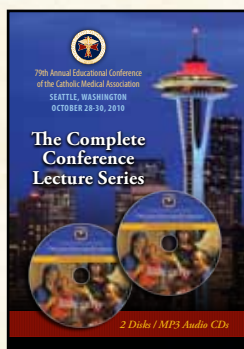
we support them in their development as Catholic physicians.

A major project was undertaken this year to better understand membership opinion in the CMA – specifically, why some physicians drop membership in the CMA and why others continue to be faithful members. A professional survey was carried out by Right Brain Research. This survey provided important information about what members value most about the CMA and what they say the CMA should do to attract more members. The survey showed a key benefit sought by Catholic physicians is spiritual and professional formation. At the Seattle conference, CMA member Don Bouchard, M.D. presented a proposal to develop a physician formation program. There was a great deal of interest in his proposal, and details of this program are under discussion.

The board, with the help of the Finance Committee, has continued to provide excellent stewardship of our financial resources. Despite a weak national economy, the financial status of the CMA is sound. We continue to explore new methods to diversify our sources of income to supplement membership dues.

I am extremely indebted to the Board members for their outstanding work on behalf of the CMA. I am also grateful to the active Regional Directors who are the liaisons of the CMA to the local guild members. Most of all, I thank the members of the CMA for their support, prayers, and encouragement in allowing me to serve as your President in 2010.

May God continue to guide and bless all of you in the year to come. *LR*



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## CMA in the News ...

### CMA Physician Publishes Book

Region I Regional Director John Howland, M.D., collaborated with Janice Steinhagen in writing a book, *Heart Sounds: 12 Catholic Doctors*. Based on interviews with Catholic physicians, including CMA members, the book explores how faith shapes their approach to medicine despite the pressures and temptations of a secular society. The book, which has been receiving very favorable reviews in the press, is available in the CMA Bookstore for \$14.95. 

### CMA Issues Press Releases on Burris Amendment and ACOG

On December 10, the CMA issued press releases on two critical threats to human life and conscience. First, CMA Executive Director John Brehany called upon the Senate to strip the Burris Amendment, which allows abortions to be provided on military bases, from the military authorizations bill. Second, the CMA decried the decision of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to reaffirm its infamous Opinion #385 (Nov. 2007), in which ACOG's ethics committee demanded that all physicians refer for abortion and even perform them in some circumstances. Both press releases can be found on the CMA's homepage. 

### CMA at the March for Life

The CMA's presence at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., last January was enhanced by the Baltimore and Philadelphia guilds and by a new banner made for the event (see picture). Please plan to attend the March for Life this year on January 24 and help the CMA to witness at this important event. Watch for an email update with information on a meeting place and time. 



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*John F. Brehany, Ph.D., S.T.L.*



The year 2010 has been chock full of achievements, benefits, and challenges. While the CMA has enjoyed another year of solid success—245 new members, seven new guilds, an outstanding conference, and other activities (see Year in Review, page 7), I want to highlight a few items, begun in this year, that will bear much fruit in 2011 and for the foreseeable future.

### **New Foundations**

Over the past several years, the CMA has been establishing a foundation for success in everything from bricks and mortar to the internet and data management. To respond to increasing membership and activities, we added a new administrative assistant, Kate Mekoliavitch, who is helping with a range of tasks. If you call the national office, you will most likely be speaking with her. We also moved into new office space to support our wider range of activities. If you are in the Philadelphia metropolitan area, please stop in and visit. Finally, the national office sent out CMA branding materials and website resources to all of the chartered guilds to help them to be more successful.

### **New Allies**

One of my most memorable blessings this year was to travel to Rome at the invitation of the Center for Ethics and Culture (CEC) at Notre Dame, which has sponsored medical ethics conferences for 25 years. As a result, I became better acquainted with David Solomon, Ph.D., the CEC's director and a true champion of ethics in medicine and of the pro-life cause. We found some important common ground to collaborate on in the future. Notre Dame sends more undergraduates on to medical school than any other single university in the United States, and Dr. Solomon has provided an ethics course for hundreds of medical students over the years. But we hope to find a more coordinated and strategic approach of providing support and formation for medical students. I look forward to working together with Dr. Solomon and others to help define and implement this approach.

In addition, following the passage of ObamaCare in March, an ad hoc group of organizations, dedicated to protecting the conscience rights of health-care professionals, began to meet in Washington, D.C. In addition to some familiar faces (USCCB, NCBC, Americans United for Life, Alliance Defense Fund), some organizations are new to the group and the struggle, including the Pope

Paul VI Institute and the Alliance of Health Care Sharing Ministries. This group will work to advance conscience rights, both in coming legislative efforts and in the long-term struggle to educate Americans about the importance of these rights for health-care providers *and patients*.

### **New Initiatives**

We have begun two new initiatives critically important for growing and strengthening the membership of the CMA. The first initiative—the creation of a medical student section within the CMA—is well under way. Still, there is a great amount of work to do in identifying concrete activities and support that the CMA can provide to medical students, especially through chartered guilds. Please let us know if you have ideas and or can provide tangible support to the medical students in your area. A second initiative is to create a program of formation for physicians, that also can be adapted for use by medical students and residents. CMA member Don Bouchard, M.D., has been the leader in advancing a vision for how this program should be structured and operated. It will be designed to address spiritual formation, education in health-care ethics, and leadership skills. We hope to incorporate both online tools and face-to-face sessions, both group and one-on-one. The goal will be for physicians not only to get solid content, but also to earn a certificate and CMEs in the course of the program. There is much work to be done in defining and approving the program. We will keep you up-to-date on the progress of these projects.

The next year will bring even greater challenges than we faced in 2010—foremost among them an effort to substantially change, if not repeal, ObamaCare. There will be a great deal to do in correcting what is wrong and in creating what is right in health-care reform. I believe that, if we build on the strong foundations we have established and the new initiatives we have begun, we have the chance to make a real difference. *JFB*

### **New Chartered Guilds 2010**

**Bismarck, North Dakota** – Bismarck Guild  
**South Carolina** – Blessed Clemens von Galen Medical Guild  
**Syracuse, New York** – Blessed Marianne Cope Guild  
**Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin** – Chippewa Valley Guild  
**Fargo, North Dakota** – Fargo Guild  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan** – Grand Rapids Guild  
**Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri** – Kansas City Guild

# SPECTACULAR CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE

## *The Spiritual Foundations of Success*

*D*ear Colleagues:

It was a great gift and blessing to have so many in attendance (about 380 people counting registrants, faculty, and exhibitors) at the 79th Annual Educational Conference of the Catholic Medical Association in Seattle. To all those who were able to participate, thank you for the sacrifice of your time and resources in making the conference such a great success.

While the educational content, fellowship, and amenities we experience at CMA conferences bring many of us back year after year, I would like to take a moment to highlight the treasures that are essential to the annual conference and its success. These are the daily celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Perpetual Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and our morning recitation of the rosary. Every year for the last ten years, we have also re-consecrated the Catholic Medical Association and all its members to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As my role of conference chairman draws to a close, I wish to recall the history of these spiritual treasures in the CMA so that you may appreciate why they are present and the blessings that they confer.

In 1997, at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Catholic Medical Association in Toledo, Ohio, two resolutions were passed. The first was to consecrate the CMA to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The second resolution was to establish the tradition of Exposition and Perpetual Adoration at the annual meetings. The first resolution was fulfilled when John Cardinal O'Connor performed the consecration at the 1998 annual meeting in New York. This consecration was complemented just two years later. On Sunday, October 8, 2000, at the conclusion of the Jubilee of the Bishops, Pope John Paul II and the bishops entrusted themselves and the Church in the new millennium to Mary. Since the date of this entrustment fell on the same weekend as the 69th annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the CMA's leadership chose this opportunity to complete the consecration to the Sacred Heart by entrusting the CMA to the care of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Javier Cardinal Barragán, then president of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers, attended the 69th annual meeting and conducted the consecration of the CMA to the Immaculate



*Saturday Banquet*



*G.K. Chesterton Special Event*

Heart of Mary. While we have renewed this consecration each year since, to celebrate the tenth anniversary, we entrusted the CMA to Mary's Immaculate Heart in a special way in Seattle. The entrustment prayer read by Archbishop Alexander Brunett at the end of the Saturday Vigil Mass at St. James Cathedral was adapted from the very same Jubilee Act of Entrustment to Mary by Pope John Paul II.

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*Bishop Vasa with Student Leaders*

like the annual consecration, we have continued the practice of Eucharistic adoration to Our Lord during the three days of each year's conference. In the words of one of our past presidents, Dr. Steven White, "the benefit of these commitments is incalculable." Participants both old and new frequently comment on the deep spiritual experience of attending CMA conferences. "It's like a retreat," is a comment frequently heard in the many




*The Passing of the Gavel*

friendly conversations. This experience is no accident. It is rooted in strong spiritual foundations that hopefully will well serve the CMA and its individual members for years to come.

During the conference in Seattle, we received two letters from the Vatican. Dr. Rybak mentioned the first in his column (see page 1). The second letter was from the Vatican Secretary of State, Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone with an apostolic blessing from His Holiness, Pope Benedict VI, commending to the intercession of Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*, all who took part in the conference. This most beautiful title that the Church gives to Mary means "Mary, Health of the Sick." Cardinal Bertone requested Archbishop Brunett to transmit this message of apostolic blessing from the Holy Father to conference participants, which he did at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Let me conclude these reflections by extending my heartfelt gratitude to the faculty who presented an outstanding program and compelling arguments regarding the need for physicians to have an authentic understanding of Christian anthropology. Only with this understanding can the commandment to love and imitate Christ the Divine Physician be faithfully practiced in the vocation of medicine. As Pope John Paul II never tired of repeating, Christ fully reveals man to himself. The argument, therefore, regarding the necessity of a Christian anthropology for the practice of medicine must cut to the core of our consciousness, to the center of our heart. It must plant the seed of conversion, for like the prodigal son, we as physicians must acknowledge that we have forfeited our dignity and that of our patients because of the sins we have committed. We must return to the Father's house in renewed relationship based upon Truth. Only if armed with this moral energy that comes from the Lord's power through participation in the divine life of grace, can the physician's knowledge in the science and practice of medicine, and his progressive dominion over those resources he draws upon be properly ordered to the principles that derive from an authentic Christian anthropology. John Paul II, in his encyclical *Redemptor Hominis*, very clearly sets forth these principles: "the priority of ethics over technology, the primacy of persons over things, and the superiority of spirit over matter."

In the Most Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,  
Jan R. Hemstad, M.D. 

## CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION ON ADVENT

### *What Are We Waiting For?*



Every Advent our spiritual focus becomes one of waiting or anticipation. There is a twofold nature to this waiting; the first coming of Christ and the second. As the liturgical year comes to a close with the Solemnity of Christ the King we are already being exposed to scriptures

which speak of Christ's Second Coming and this carries over into Advent; the beginning of the liturgical year.


The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes what waiting for the Second Coming of Christ means.

Although already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the king's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan

and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God." That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: Marana tha! "Our Lord, come!" (CCC 671)

Our anticipation of Christ's first coming; his Incarnation, is a bit different because it has already occurred. Christ has already become man and ascended to the Father. This waiting takes on a sort of commemoration; a remembering of events which happened long ago and yet continue to be made manifest in our lives. For the Incarnation is not merely a historical event; it is an enduring reality. Christ has forever united the Divine nature with the human. In this way he is already close to us and desiring to come ever closer. He desires to enter into our daily lives in an ever more powerful way.

Our waiting, then, needs to also take on a measure of openness to the One who has become man, died and rose and now sits at the Father's right hand. It is this "waiting on the Lord" to enter into our hearts and minds more powerfully which should be our spiritual orientation during Advent as we prepare to once again celebrate that Holy Night long ago which forever altered the course of human history.

Fr. John D. Ehrich, S.T.L. 

## OUTSTANDING GUILD AWARD PRESENTATION

The winner of the first annual Outstanding Guild Award is the Orlando Diocesan Guild, which received the award for excellence in service to the Archdiocese of Orlando.

This award was inaugurated in 2010 to appropriately recognize guilds for the quality and quantity of their efforts to fulfill the CMA's mission as well as to encourage the sharing of ideas and resources.

Orlando's successful application began with their efforts to serve their archdiocese. Guild members discussed how to respond to Pope Paul VI's call in *Humanae Vitae* for the support of the medical profession in defending and explaining the Church's teaching on marriage. *continued on page 10*



# CMA 2010 YEAR IN REVIEW

## CMA in the Media

CMA continued to enjoy a broad representation in the media in 2010.

**Radio:** Nationally syndicated Catholic radio networks EWTN Radio, Ave Maria Radio, Relevant Radio, Catholic Answers Live *Pro-Life Open Forum*, Catholic Channel on Sirius XM Radio; Secular: KIRO FM, Seattle

**Television:** EWTN's "The World Over with Raymond Arroyo," New York Catholic TV.com

**Print:** Catholic: *National Catholic Register*, *Our Sunday Visitor*, Catholic News Service, Catholic News Agency; Secular/other: *Christianity Today*, *TechWorldNews*

## Position Papers and Press Releases

**Press Release** on Sen. Nelson and Abortion Funding, Dec. 18, 2009

**Press Release** on (Mass. Gubernatorial Candidate) Martha Coakley, Jan. 18, 2010

**Press Release** on Impasse in Health-Care Legislation, Feb. 23, 2010

**Press Release** on "Preventive Services" and Abortion on Military Bases, Sept. 20, 2010

**Press Release** on Burris Amendment and Abortion on Military Bases, Dec. 9, 2010

**Press Release** on ACOG Reaffirmation of Opinion #385, Dec. 14, 2010

Open Letter to President Obama and Congress, Feb. 22, 2010

Health-Care Reform and Authentic Catholic Witness, Mar. 18, 2010

## Collaborative Efforts

Freedom2Care.org Coalition on Respect for Conscience Rights

USCCB: Health Care Task Force; Pro-Life Activities Committee

Catholic Medical Missions Board; Helping Hands Ministry

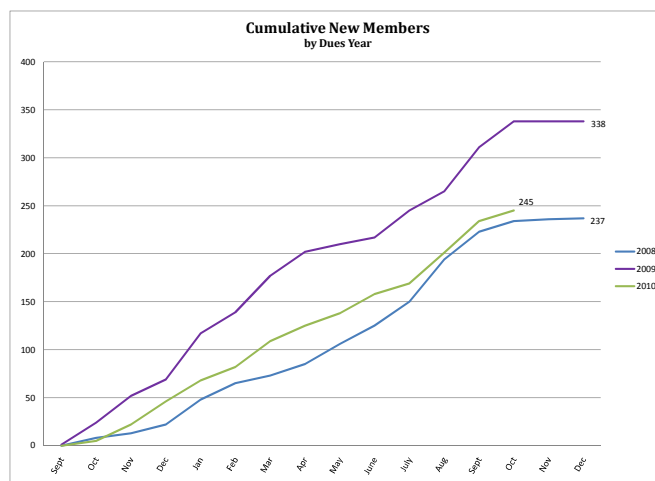
## Executive Director Presentations

**CMA Events:** Northern Virginia Guild, Blessed Clemens von Galen Guild of South Carolina, Catholic Physicians Guild of San Antonio, 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference

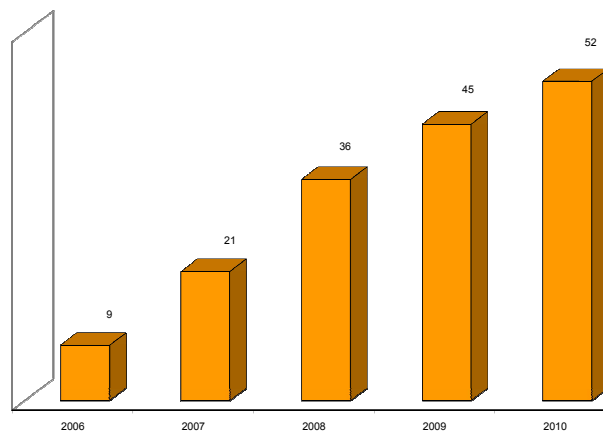
**Non-CMA Events:** Archdiocese of San Antonio Converging Roads Program; Louisiana Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, Louisiana, Second Annual Bioethics Conference

## Internal Growth and Development

### New Members



### Growth in Chartered Guilds



## CHARTERED GUILD REPORTS

### *A Summary of Reports from Around the Country*

#### REGION I

**Catholic Medical Society of Rhode Island.** Bishop Evans celebrated a White Mass for the Rhode Island guild on Oct. 13. The guild also has a Facebook page.

**Worcester Guild.** John Howland, M.D. and the Worcester Guild have published *Heart Sounds: 12 Catholic Doctors*, which shares the stories of twelve doctors who live out their faith both personally and professionally. The book includes personal accounts from six CMA members and is intended as a tool to evangelize colleagues.

#### REGION II

**Blessed Marianne Cope Guild of Syracuse, NY.** Having just received its charter this past June, the guild has made plans for monthly meetings and its first White Mass in December. The upcoming year will include reaching out to students at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Interest in the guild has been strong and growing both from physicians and other health-care professionals in the area.

#### REGION III

**Allentown Guild.** The guild celebrated its White Mass on Nov. 21, arranging news coverage with the diocesan newspaper.

**Baltimore Guild.** The Baltimore Guild hosted three educational events to address topics in the Catholic delivery of health care, all open to the public and well-attended. Each meeting began with Mass celebrated by their chaplain who, himself, made a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Gianna Molla outside of Milan and prayed for the guild. Additionally, two guild members traveled to Haiti to assist with medical-relief efforts following the earthquake. Locally, the guild continues to maintain its relationship with medical students at the University of Maryland through lunch chats about bioethics. A Baltimore Guild member has recently published a book titled *Advice to the Young Physician on the Art of Medicine* to be reviewed in *The Linacre Quarterly*.

**Harrisburg Guild.** Concluding its first full year of charter, the Harrisburg Guild has sponsored two annual events with social, spiritual, and educational dimensions. The Lenten re-

flexion included insights on conscience and the Catholic physician. Guild members continue their outreach to Penn State medical students through informal meetings after Sunday Mass and discussions about medical ethics over pizza.

**Northern Virginia Guild.** The guild sponsored a workshop on Jan. 23 following the March for Life. Executive Director John Brehany presented on health-care reform and its implications for Catholic health care.

**Philadelphia Guild.** The Philadelphia Guild held its annual Lenten Day of Recollection at St. Francis Xavier Church and its annual NFP Conference, titled “The Bitter Pill: The Truth about Hormonal Contraception.” After participating in the Seattle conference as an exhibitor, the guild held Mass for the Feast of St. Luke in November.

**Pittsburgh Guild.** The Pittsburgh Guild met monthly on Sundays at Holy Family Chapel for Mass and breakfast. Discussions included stem-cell research, organ donation after cardiac death, *Dignitas Personae*, and the imperative for a Christian anthropology. Students and residents were invited to attend all guild events for free.

#### REGION IV

**Grand Rapids Guild.** The guild was chartered in October. Guild president Don Condit, M.D., continues to advise the Acton Institute on how health-care reform should reflect Catholic social teaching.

**John Paul II Guild of Columbus.** Guild members started a monthly radio show, “The Catholic Doctors,” on regional internet-based Gabriel Radio. Drs. William Parker and William Turek are exploring how to take the show weekly and syndicate it nationally.

**Northwest Ohio Guild.** The Northwest Ohio Guild held its annual White Mass in October. They participated in the “Operation White Coat” project for nine First Fridays, wherein they wore their white coats and prayed while standing in front of a local abortion clinic. The guild also sponsored medical students to attend a prolife event with the Foundation for Life.

**Southwest Ohio Guild.** The Southwest Ohio Guild held its second annual White Mass in October. They sponsored a talk

titled “Assisted Reproductive Technologies: Theology and Science” at the University of Dayton as well as two round table ethics discussions at Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary. The guild is currently making plans to hold an event for medical students within the next year.

## REGION V

**Blessed Clemens von Galen Guild of South Carolina.** The guild was chartered in August. On January 30, 2010, to help generate interest in a guild, members sponsored a half-day seminar in Columbia. CMA members Greg Burke, M.D., and John Brehany, Ph.D., presented, as did Fr. Joseph Tham, M.D., Ph.D.

**Diocese of St. Petersburg Guild.** The St. Petersburg Guild held its annual White Mass and dinner in September at St. James Chapel. Bishop Robert Lynch was in attendance as the main celebrant, and the event included a talk on “The Spiritual Dimension of Medical Practice.”

**Orlando Guild.** The Orlando Guild won the first annual Outstanding Guild Award for their remarkable accomplishments in 2010 (see story page 6).

**Nashville Guild.** The Nashville Guild held its annual Hippocratic Oath banquet to unite Catholic physicians with medical students from Vanderbilt University and Meharry Medical College. Bishop David Choby attended the event, which included Mass, recitation of the Catholic Hippocratic Oath, and a dinner for students paid for by the physicians.

**Venice, Florida Guild.** The guild held its annual bioethics seminar, “Trust and Conscience,” on April 10, featuring Robert George, Fr. Tad Pacholzyk, and CMA member Angela Filippin-Trainer, M.D.

## REGION VI

**Catholic Physicians Guild of Central Texas.** The guild created a formation group so members can reconnect with the original purpose and meaning of their calling to medical ministry and find a place of support during times of great change and stress. At the guild’s annual White Mass in October, Fr. Charles Bouchard from Ascension Health spoke on “Ars Moriandi, the Art of Dying.” The guild board has been active in planning an ongoing series of presentations and in creating a culture of community service among members.

**Catholic Physicians Guild of San Antonio.** The guild hosted

two social events in summer and Advent and created a new website. Guild members continued their support of the Converging Roads diocesan bioethics program, serving on the planning committee and as speakers.

## REGION VII

**Catholic Physicians Guild of Chicago.** The guild partnered with the Milwaukee Guild to sponsor the 6th annual Midwest bioethics conference and to publish a survey on pastoral care in Chicago hospitals in *The Linacre Quarterly*. The guild also hosted an evening of reflection and sponsored two public lectures at the Integritas Institute.

**Rockford Guild.** The Rockford Guild sponsored six events to discuss challenges faced by Catholic health-care providers and the necessity of remaining faithful to Church teachings. Their round table discussion about abortion, euthanasia, and other life issues included insights from a doctor, a lawyer, and a priest in a three-member panel. The guild also hosted four educational events for medical students. In addition to encouraging an evidence-based approach to the Catholic Church, these student meetings emphasized preparation for the moral dilemmas that Christian doctors often encounter after medical school.

**Sts. Cosmas & Damian Guild of Kansas City.** The Kansas City guild met for Mass each first Saturday of the month and held a White Mass in February with four bishops concelebrating at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The guild has also sponsored two events for medical students, including a Mass and dinner for the local CMA-SS. All events are held downtown near three local medical schools as the guild views their students as the future of medicine.

**St. Raphael’s Guild of Duluth.** St. Raphael’s Guild sponsored three educational events and held a White Mass.

**Chippewa Valley Guild.** The Chippewa Valley Guild held its “Conflict of Conscience” Conference with its bishop in October.

**Milwaukee Guild.** The Milwaukee Guild met monthly for Mass followed by speaker presentations on Catholic health-care topics. The guild reached out to medical students through their Hippocratic Oath banquet, and their annual White Mass was held in October at the Basilica of St. Josaphat.

**Omaha Guild.** The members of the Omaha Guild met on a bimonthly basis in 2010. Annual activities included a Lenten day of recollection on the topic of suffering and medicine (at Holy Family Shrine between Lincoln and Omaha)), and the an-

nual White Mass, celebrated at the St. Cecilia's Cathedral. The guild created a new website in January 2010.

**Winona Guild.** The guild collaborated with the John Paul II Institute, Washington, D.C. to offer a post-graduate course titled "Health and the Nature of Medicine"; held dinner events with speakers in the spring (April) and fall (Nov.); and celebrated its White Mass with Bishop John Quinn in September.

## REGION VIII

**Montana Guild.** The Montana Guild held a White Mass in June at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls. Attended by ninety people and their bishop, the event was followed by an educational meeting with an ethicist to discuss physician-assisted suicide. The guild has also been active in a coalition to coordinate a response to the public relations push of Compassion and Choices on the topic of physician-assisted suicide.

**Portland Guild.** The Portland Guild met on the first Saturday of each month for Mass, followed by an educational seminar.

**Washington Guild.** This year, the Washington Guild hosted the highly enjoyed and inspirational 79th annual educational conference in Seattle. The guild also held a luncheon and lecture event to discuss the moral and clinical implications of artificial nutrition and hydration.

## REGION IX

**Catholic Physicians' Guild of Phoenix.** The Phoenix guild held its annual White Mass in October with four bishops concelebrating at the Phoenix Diocesan Center Chapel. CMA Episcopal Adviser Bishop Robert Vasa delivered the banquet keynote address. The guild also held monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas the Apostle.

**Denver Guild.** The Denver Guild met monthly for Mass at Christ the King Chapel. Each meeting included lectures from guest speakers on Catholic health-care topics.

## REGION X

**Central California Guild.** The Central California Guild held a diocesan White Mass for the Feast of Saint Luke in October at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The event included a dinner and presentation with a question-and-answer session on health-care topics.

**Santa Clara Guild.** The Santa Clara Guild held a monthly breakfast, usually on the first Saturday of the month, at a local restaurant. The guild was recently assigned a new chaplain, Father Molano, and has been strengthening its ties to the Catholic community at Stanford University. Medical students are encouraged to attend Santa Clara Guild events and join their local CMA-SS.

# OUTSTANDING GUILD AWARD PRESENTATION

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When they shared their thoughts with their chaplain, he suggested that the guild organize the annual priests' convocation — a two-day educational conference for priests. Following the approval of Archbishop Wenski, they did this with a seminar on September 7-8 titled *Marriage and Family; Love and Life*, which presented the medical and scientific facts undergirding the teachings of the Church on these critical topics. This was the first stage of their efforts.

The second stage of their efforts flowed from the seminar. Archbishop Wenski asked the guild to take the lead in developing a network of ongoing support for couples striving to live out the teaching of the Church in these areas.

The guild spearheaded the development of a network of over 100 people — physicians, priests, natural family plan-

ning (NFP) and Theology of the Body instructors, and witness couples — a powerful resource for the archdiocese.

Finally, guild members agreed to start a monthly column in the diocesan newspaper. Titled "The Catholic Doctor Is in," a series of articles has been running in the diocesan paper for the last 6 months, with 5 guild doctors contributing columns on NFP, infertility, adult stem-cell research, health-care reform, and living wills.

For this impressive, three-stage service to their archdiocese, the Orlando Diocesan Guild won the first annual Outstanding Guild Award. Supporting materials are available for CMA members and guilds in the members-only section of [cathmed.org](http://cathmed.org). Members should log into their CMA accounts to access the material. It is the hope of CMA leadership that other guilds will replicate Orlando's achievements or contribute new and exciting projects of their own. 

## RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following resolutions were passed by members of the 2010 General Assembly. According to parliamentary rules, only the “resolve” clause is official and published. However, given the importance and complexity of the resolution on organizations supporting Planned Parenthood, members instructed that the resolution be published in its entirety:

### ***Adopt St. Gianna Molla as Co-Patroness of the CMA***

Resolved, that the Catholic Medical Association adopt St. Gianna Molla as co-patroness with St. Luke, the Evangelist, with all the privileges thereof, asking for her intercession for the members of the organization and holding her up as a model of a woman physician who balanced her private practice of medicine with her responsibilities as a wife and mother, and who witnessed to her Catholic faith by laying down her life for that of her child’s.

### ***Ulipristal Acetate’s Mechanism of Action as an Emergency Contraceptive***

Resolved, that the Catholic Medical Association condemns the FDA’s approval of the drug ella® (ulipristal acetate) as an emergency contraceptive because of its embryocidal and abortifacient mechanisms of action and because of the unknown health risks to the woman who is exposed to this drug.

### ***Healthy Families Safe Children***

Resolved, that the CMA encourages all parents interested in the healthy development and safety of their children to learn and apply the principles of sound human development as embodied in the DVD series *Healthy Families Safe Children*.

### ***Rejecting Support for Organizations Who Fund Planned Parenthood***

WHEREAS: Eric Winer, M.D., chief scientific advisor for Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, in an open letter in March 2009, admitted that “Komen Affiliates provide funds to pay for screening, education, and treatment programs in dozens of communities” to detect breast cancer, including programs

run by Planned Parenthood (thus freeing up Planned Parenthood monies to pay for abortions, contraceptives, and sterilizations); and

WHEREAS: Dr. Winer stated in his letter that “we are assured that Planned Parenthood uses these funds only for breast health education, screening, and treatment programs,” yet Planned Parenthood’s annual report from 2007-2008 showed 31,729 fewer breast exams and 15,560 more abortions in 2007 than 2006 and yet, despite this, Komen’s funding of these programs continued through 2009; and

WHEREAS: Planned Parenthood is the single largest provider of abortions in the U.S. and abortions have been linked to the subsequent development of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS: Catholic Health Association ethicists Ron Hamel, Ph.D. and Michael Panicola, Ph.D. examined the moral implications of donating to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and incorrectly concluded that it was “morally permissible for the Catholic Church to be involved with Komen in light of its funding agreements with Planned Parenthood”; and

WHEREAS: Komen also endorses embryonic stem-cell research, claiming that “embryonic stem cells are currently considered to have the most potential for use in the regeneration of diseased or injured tissues” for cancer research;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Catholic Medical Association does not support, and urges its members not to support, any organization, including Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, that provides funds to Planned Parenthood or its affiliates for any purpose.



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