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80th Annual Conference ... *The Formation of Physicians*




*B*ienvenido to the 80th Annual Educational Conference to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, October 6-8, 2011. The Catholic Physicians Guild of Phoenix looks forward to continuing the great tradition of CMA conferences, by applying timeless principles and

Church teachings to current issues in ethics and medicine. The distinctive focus of the 80th Annual Educational Conference is on formation and virtue as related to the practice of medicine

In the increasingly challenging world of health care, physicians must seek out and renew the knowledge, skills, and character formation necessary to uphold their Catholic faith and the integrity of the medical profession consistent with the Hippocratic tradition. Our conference will contribute to this formation by providing education on foundational topics in moral theology, clinical moral decision making, spirituality, and the law, including the application of the USCCB's *Ethical and Religious Directives*. Participants will have opportunities to apply the principles discussed in presentations to difficult ethical dilemmas pulled from current headlines, in small group and panel discussions.

Our conference will feature distinctive Southwest themes in accommodation and cuisine, as well as a unique special event with a Latin flair. The Southwest theme will be enhanced by the hotel venue, The Wigwam, an Arizona landmark built in 1918 in the style of traditional Territorial Adobe architecture. With three golf courses, The Wigwam has won numerous awards as a great golf destination, and registrants can get 10% off greens fees! At the same time, under the protection of our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe, participants will experience the spiritual milieu for which CMA conferences are famous, including daily Mass, rosary, and confessions, as well as Eucharistic Adoration and a spiritual introduction to the conference via a Wednesday evening service of vespers and homily by the CMA national chaplain, Fr. John Ehrich, S.T.L.

For the first time, CMA will offer "extracurricular opportunities" before and after the conference. CMA has partnered with the diocese of Phoenix to offer a 2-day course prior to the conference that can lead to NFP Instructor certification. A tour of Sedona, including an off-road "Pink Jeep" option, is available the day after the conference. Complete conference information can be found on pages 9-11 and on CMA's website.

Come to Phoenix for an unforgettable experience of faith, formation, and fellowship! 

Maricela P. Moffitt, M.D., M.P.H.
Conference Chairperson

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CMA in the News ...

New Guilds

The board of directors has approved five new chartered guilds so far this year, two of which are in the state of Louisiana. In February, the Acadiana Guild of Lafayette, LA was approved, followed by the Catholic Physicians Guild of New Orleans in April. Congratulations to the "Pelican State"! In June, the Connecticut Guild, headquartered in the diocese of Hartford, CT, was approved, followed by guilds in Birmingham, AL and Tucson, AZ, in July. This brings the total number of chartered guilds to 57. Guild formation continues in many cities and states. For help in guild formation, contact the national office. *✍*

Guild and National News

Regarding local guilds and members, the Blessed Clemens von Galen Medical Guild was mentioned in a *LifeNews.com* story at the end of March for its active support of pro-life bills in the South Carolina legislature. The guild rolled out a new website (galenguild.com) at the end of June. Also, the *Catholic Star Herald* of the Diocese of Camden, N. J., reported that CMA member Les Ruppensberger, D.O., was giving a talk on bioethics issues to the Mater Ecclesiae group on May 22. Nationally, Executive Director John F. Brehany was quoted in a June 3, 2011 story in the *National Catholic Register* noting the death of Jack Kevorkian, killer and infamous advocate for assisted suicide. *✍*

Archbishop Chaput Named to Philadelphia Archdiocese

Pope Benedict XVI has chosen Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap., to lead the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, following the retirement of Justin Cardinal Rigali. Archbishop Chaput has gained a reputation as a forceful, faithful evangelist and a defender of the Church and Catholic teachings through speeches, books, and interviews. The Catholic Medical Association, which is headquartered in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, welcomes the appointment and the opportunity it provides to work more closely with Archbishop Chaput. *✍*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jan R. Hemstad, M.D.



*D*ear Colleagues,

As I expressed to the membership in the March newsletter, I was anticipating a challenging year for our organization, especially as we engage the complex politics of health

care. The year has been challenging, but what has been most notable, from my perspective within the leadership structure, is the achievement the CMA has made in the transition from an emphasis on internal development to being a strong advocate and defender of Catholic teaching in the world of health care, politics, and the media.

This year, the CMA has been unremitting in communicating the views of its Catholic physician members to the U.S. Congress and has also collaborated with many other pro-life organizations, in an effort to pass critical amendments that address problems associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. ObamaCare). The Protect Life Act (H.R. 358) and The No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act (H.R. 3) have passed in the House, but await Senate consideration. The crisis in the budgetary process has delayed congressional consideration of two more crucial bills, The Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (H.R. 361) and The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179). Be assured that we will weigh in on these important legislative bills when they come before the Congress. Likewise, the CMA has persisted with letters, articles, and news releases to inform and counteract the bureaucratic maneuvers of Kathleen Sebelius and the Obama team within Department of Health and Human Services as they move to undercut the conscience and practice rights of physicians. Please stay engaged by checking news on the CMA website for this and other key issues as our leadership continues defending your conscience rights and the Catholic teaching in the practice of medicine.

Through the efforts of our Episcopal Advisor, Bishop Robert Vasa, the CMA is developing an excellent working relationship with the USCCB. As you probably are aware, the bishops of the United States recently approved and released a statement on physician-assisted suicide titled "To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide" (see story page 8) The CMA welcomed the statement with a formal press release on June 17, but what I would like the membership to be aware of is that, in his capacity as an advisor to the USCCB Committee on Pro-

life Activities, our Executive Director, Dr. John Brehany, together with CMA member and expert on physician-assisted suicide, William Toffler, M.D., and I assisted in drafting and reviewing the statement. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of these efforts and relationships as we stand up for and defend Catholic teaching on vital health-care issues.

There is no doubt that the CMA has found its public voice as an advocate for the magisterial teachings of the Church in the practice, politics, and business of medicine, but the need for a continued strategic development of the organization is still of paramount importance. Dr. John Brehany and I introduced you to the marketing research from the services of Right Brain People and the results of their strategic membership survey in the March newsletter. We have continued to engage the professional work of Right Brain People for a second phase where the completed research on what to say and do to increase membership will be combined with detailed information from current activities of the CMA and used to embark on a broad membership campaign. Four different creative email messages have been sent to local guild members who are not national CMA members, to prior members who have not renewed membership, and to a rented email list of Catholic physicians. Briefly, the four email versions were generated from the initial research indicating CMA members' interest in four key areas (1) tangible achievements—specifically in the realm of media, publicity, and public opinion; (2) a thriving community experience at the local level; (3) reassurance that the CMA is and will always remain faithful to the Church; and (4) successful efforts in overcoming the culture of death with a culture of life.

It is exciting to report that the initial email campaign has resulted in interest exceeding statistical expectations. Special website landing pages exclusively used for potential new members have been created to analyze the results as they come in and determine the most effective message versions. It is clear from our current data that communicating reassurance of the CMA's credibility within the Catholic Church and its achievements have been the most effective. As I write to you, we are studying how to most effectively expand this email campaign to more Catholic physicians in the United States.

May God bless our efforts with the success He wills to grant the CMA.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, *JRH*

FROM THE EPISCOPAL ADVISOR

Most Rev. Robert F. Vasa, J.C.L., D.D.



*My Dear Catholic Physicians
and Health-Care Workers:*

I have often told young people, quoting Saint Robert Bellarmine, S.J., that the goal of our lives is the glory of God and our own eternal salvation. As Saint Robert says: “If you reach this goal, you will find happiness. If you fail to reach it, you will find misery.” The old Baltimore Catechism put it so well: “Why did God make me? He made me to know, love and serve Him in this life in order to be happy with Him forever in heaven.” Jesus’ rhetorical question, “What would it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his immortal soul?” implies the answer, “It would profit him nothing, he will find only misery.” Thus our goal of giving glory to God and achieving eternal salvation is the only goal which, in the final analysis, really matters.

It is good and necessary to have other goals of a more limited nature and it is important to pursue those goals with an appropriate energy and vigor. In the midst of those lesser pursuits, however, one must somehow remember that they are limited, temporal goals and that they cannot be allowed to come into conflict with the one all important, all significant goal. Usually when we travel we have a very definite destination in mind. The fact that we are traveling to Florida or California or Nebraska or Oregon does not stop us from recognizing and admiring the scenery, but we are not at liberty to exchange the scenery for our final destination. This can happen in life quite readily. We are on our way to heaven, that is our destination, but we can readily get bogged down and distracted by the immediate activities and needs and wants. When this happens, we can easily forget where we are going. We can easily lose track of our ultimate goal and focus an undue amount of energy on the accidentals of the journey instead of on the essential destination.

This occurs at every stage of our lives. For many, marriage is the all important goal. Certainly marriage is important but it must fit into the overall plan and destination of life, namely heaven. Allowing marriage or even the marriage ceremony to take on the significance of an ultimate destination loses sight of the fact that marriage is a part of the journey but it is not the ultimate goal. This does not in any way diminish the significance or importance of marriage, but it does put it in its proper context.

Physical health is another one of those items in life that can take on a significance which can incline us to exchange it for our final destination. Just as with other elements of our lives, we have a duty to respect and foster the physical health of our bodies. Our Lord’s words, however, with a slight modification, need to be remembered: “What would it profit a man to gain nearly perfect physical health and suffer the loss of his immortal soul?” Physical health is a very good intermediate goal, but it makes a very poor final goal.

Catholic health care is thus placed in a potentially conflicted situation. It has as its immediate goal the provision of effective, ethical medical treatments, but its mission is not ultimately to save physical lives but to promote the Church’s ultimate goal—giving glory to God and saving souls. When Catholic medical personnel forget that their ultimate mission is a sharing in the mission of Christ to save souls, then they become travelers who have lost sight of their destination. All too readily we can be pulled into the all-too-worldly notion that the answer to many of life’s difficulties and trials is access to better health care. This access is certainly a valuable intermediate goal and it should be pursued with appropriate energy and vigor, but it can never be allowed to replace our ultimate goal. Jesus is our savior; medical technology is not.

It is well known that Jesus exercised a healing ministry, yet Jesus did not eradicate a single disease and he did not cure everyone. I believe that this was to impress upon us that physical health was not the reason why Jesus took on flesh and became man. Jesus did cure the sick and this answers a “what” question: “What is the Church to do?” Jesus healed with a genuine love and compassion for the sick and the suffering. This answers a “how” question: “How is the Church to exercise its healing mission?” Jesus also did not heal everyone and this provides an answer to the “why” question: “Why should the Church be involved in the healing arts?” Ultimately, the answer to this question is the same as the teaching of St. Robert Bellarmine given above.

Saint Robert teaches: “If you are wise, know that you have been created for the glory of God and your own eternal salvation. This is your goal; this is the center of your life; this is the treasure of your heart. If you reach this goal, you will find happiness. If you fail to reach it, you will find misery.”

Let us pray that we, as members of the CMA, might always be good and truly holy physicians who know the what, the how, and, especially, the why of authentic Catholic health care. *RFV*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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



The national office is gearing up to support an outstanding conference this year in Phoenix, Arizona. Still, the CMA is hard at work on a variety of other issues, from ObamaCare to vaccines.

The Institute of Medicine just recommended that “the full range of FDA-approved contraceptive methods,” including sterilization, be listed as “preventive care services.” This “full range” will include abortifacients, since the FDA has already designated the abortifacient Ulipristal (“ella”) as an “emergency contraceptive.” If and when this recommendation goes into effect, it will constitute a fundamental assault—on the reproductive health of many girls and women, and on the conscience rights of health-care professionals and institutions, who will be mandated to provide and subsidize abortifacients, contraception, and sterilization.

While the issue can be litigated, there is no guarantee that we can prevail. Existing federal conscience protection laws do not anticipate such a legal regime. In the short-term, CMA is supporting the enactment of the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, not only as an amendment to ObamaCare but also as a rider to an appropriations bill. This may help to address the current impasse, in which solid pro-life and pro-conscience rights bills have passed the House, but cannot get passed in the Senate. CMA is also supporting H.R. 1179, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act. This bill will provide comprehensive protection of conscience rights, both for bedside and business issues, and for individuals and institutions. Whether it can be enacted in the current Congress is an open, and troubling, question. Apart from these measures, only a Supreme Court decision, or legislative repeal, of ObamaCare can provide the relief we need.

OBAMACARE AND TIPPING POINTS

While the U.S. debt ceiling battle has been dominating the headlines, the train wreck that is ObamaCare continues to unfold before our eyes. Here are some key developments, apart from court cases winding through the legal system:

Despite that fact that the main provisions of ObamaCare do not take effect until 2014, the effects on health-care insurance and physicians already have been dramatic. As of June 2011, almost 1,500 waivers from ObamaCare had been granted to companies, labor unions, and even to nine states (over 20 states have applied for waivers). To get a waiver from HHS, an applicant must show that complying with ObamaCare would significantly increase premiums or significant decrease access to health care benefits. In granting a waiver to the State of Nevada, HHS admitted that “there is a reasonable likelihood” that enforcing the provisions of Obamacare would result in “market destabilization, and thus harm to consumers.” Meanwhile, physicians are already voting with their feet. A survey by Accenture released in June showed that many physicians are selling their practices and moving into employment relationships. By 2013, less than one-third of physicians will be in private practice. This undoubtedly will impact the independence of physicians’ judgment. Employer demands also will impact how physicians practice medicine. Finally, two recent surveys released this summer show that many more employers than originally forecasted plan to drop their employee health insurance. Not only will this break President Obama’s oft-made promise that “if you like your insurance, you can keep it,” it will add hundreds of billions of dollars to the cost of ObamaCare, as more people avail themselves of government subsidies.

As devastating as these financial and employment-related developments are, they pale in comparison to the coming ethical impacts of ObamaCare. For example, ObamaCare authorizes the Secretary of HHS to designate certain health benefits as “preventive care services,” to be provided by all health insurance plans and subsidized, with no upfront payment or co-pay for the patient.

OTHER ITEMS AND PROJECTS

The national office continues to respond to requests for advice and assistance on a wide range of issues. Some of these requests are basic, but essential, e.g. how to choose a medical school that does not perform abortion or at least has a good reputation for respecting conscience rights. Others are more complex, such as how to bring about a change in policy at a Catholic hospital on how to treat periviable infants (those delivered when 22-26 weeks old). Finally, there are requests for assistance on pastoral solutions—e.g., how should a diocese respect the conscience rights of parents who have declined to have their children immunized in order to protest the fact that some vaccines have been derived from elective abortion. On such projects, it is a pleasure and privilege to confer with CMA physicians from across the country to bring medical expertise to bear on ethical dilemmas. This is an important way of fulfilling one of the purposes of the CMA. I look forward to increasing the opportunities for assistance and collaboration in the future. *JFB*

STUDENT SECTION UPDATE

Impressive Progress in First 6 Months

Student Section members have been hard at work this spring, engaging in an array of efforts to increase membership, build awareness, and lay the groundwork for more student chapters around the country.

President Natalie Rodden, Vice-President Brian Burke, Secretary-Treasurer Rebecca Ackroyd, and Newsletter Editor Gil Harmon have been working on one of their primary goals, establishing contact with Catholic medical students at schools around the country. As of June 1, they made contact with over 50 institutions, recruiting new members and explaining how to create new chapters. In addition to these peer-to-peer contacts, Student Section leaders made a special effort to communicate with CMA regional directors and chartered guild presidents, apprising them of their goals and telling them what Catholic medical students need to be successful. Finally, president Natalie Rodden was able to attend the 26th Annual Medical Ethics Conference at Notre Dame on March 18-20, 2011, where she was able to make a presentation on the CMA and its new Student Section.


Student Section leaders have also continued to build the organization foundation and tools necessary for growth. This spring, leaders updated the section's bylaws, including a process for election of new leaders, and approved criteria for new student chapters, including a sample chapter constitution and bylaws. It is important to have these organizational tools in place since they provide a way for students to tap into student group funds and because it is essential that local chapters live up to the guiding principles of the Catholic Medical Association. All of these documents are available on the Student Section page under the tab "Organizational Resources."

Throughout the second half of the year, student leaders will be identifying potential new leaders—important because three of the four current leaders are scheduled to graduate in 2012. Also in the

works is a new promotional brochure that will help both student members and CMA members and guilds to promote the CMA-SS.

Student leaders are also looking forward to the 80th Annual Educational Conference in Phoenix, October 6-8, 2011. They are hoping for a record-breaking turnout of students. Student members will be helping to organize a special Medical Student Forum to be held in the afternoon of October 8. In addition, a special dinner for students will be held on Thursday, October 6.

What the students need most at the start of a new year of medical school is support from CMA members and guilds. Beginning of the year events at medical schools provide this opportunity. Many schools have club fairs for incoming students to learn about extracurricular opportunities. Having a table with a CMA physician and student members present to share information on the new CMA Student Section, as well as local guild events, would be a wonderful way to connect with students and involve them in the organization. Invite them to your next guild event. The CMA-SS student leaders also suggest appointing a physician guild member to serve as a liaison for the local medical students. This provides more connection between physician and student members and a more permanent "point person" for students to contact.

All in all, the CMA-SS is making a great deal of progress. If your guild knows students, please tell them about the CMA-SS and encourage them to join, so they can get more tapped into the greater organization, receive encouragement and connect with other students around the country, and receive opportunities to attend the conference at lower cost. Thank you! 

To contact Student Section members
in your area, email: students@cathmed.org

Call for Abstracts!

80th Annual Conference Poster Session Phoenix, Arizona - October 6-8, 2011

What: Scientific or theological topics of interest to Catholic physicians. Must be original work and not previously published or submitted for publication

Limits: 3 abstracts per author **Theological abstracts:** 150 words **Scientific abstracts:** 250 words **Author must be present**

Deadline Extended to September 2, 2011 **Submit by email: LQ@cathmed.org**

THE LINACRE QUARTERLY WINS AWARDS!

Catholic Press Association Recognizes CMA in Two Categories.

Improvements to *The Linacre Quarterly* have been underway for the last few years. These efforts were recently recognized by the Catholic Press Association at its 2011 awards ceremony held in Pittsburgh, PA on June 24. The 100-year-old Catholic Press Association annually recognizes the accomplishments and contributions made by members of the Catholic press.

The Linacre Quarterly won awards in two categories: In the category for Best Review Section, the *Linacre* won Third Place for *Current Medical Research: Summer-Fall 2009* by Richard J. Fehring, Ph.D., R.N. This review was specifically cited for “In-depth heavyweight scientific research criticism. Broad spread of related subjects. Precise, informed writing. Best layout of the B&W, graphic-less entries. Nice use of spacing. italics, page proportions and balance.” *Current Medical Research (CMR)*, is a supplement of *NFP Forum*, a



publication of the Office of Natural Family Planning of the USCCB under the leadership of Theresa Notare, Ph.D., Assistant Director for the USCCB’s NFP Planning Program. Reprinted in *The Linacre Quarterly* with permission, CMR represents a collaboration of the CMA and the USCCB. CMA is grateful to Dr. Notare and the USCCB for making this collaboration possible.

In addition, the *Linacre* won an Honorable Mention in the category for Best Essay, Scholarly Magazine, for the article by Susan E. Wills, J.D., L.L.M., *Condoms and AIDS: Is the Pope Right or Just “Horribly Ignorant”?*, which appeared in the February 2010 issue of the *Linacre*.

The editorial board of *The Linacre Quarterly* and, in particular, Editor-in-Chief William Williams, M.D., are to be commended for all their efforts on behalf of the CMA and the *Linacre*. May these awards be the first of many to come! *W*

MID-YEAR MEETING UPDATE

The CMA leaders met at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois from June 9-11 for the 2011 Mid-Year Meeting. In addition to the board of directors, regional directors Tim Egan, M.D., Jose Santos, M.D., Craig Treptow, M.D., William Mueller, M.D., James Asher, D.O., Franklin Diaz, M.D., Jude Cook, M.D., guild presidents Diane Gowski, M.D. and Don Bouchard, M.D., and Student Section president Natalie Rodden, were present.

In addition to an extended board meeting, the Mid-Year Meeting also featured a training session on how to use the database and communication tools available through CMA’s vendor, eTapestry. These tools help regional directors and guild presidents to understand what is going on in their areas of responsibility and to communicate with the CMA members there.

The Mid-Year Meeting also dedicated a full day to brainstorming about several key issues. These included: (1) a review of the strategic plan; (2) growth in membership and guilds; (3)

whether a regional or state structure can best fulfill the mission of the CMA; (4) supporting medical students and the Student Section; (5) the program of physician formation; and (6) long-term financial stability for the CMA. These topics are of critical importance, and CMA leaders were able to devote at least an hour of time to analysis and discussion of each.

CMA’s Mid-Year Meeting has evolved from a one-day, face-to-face business meeting (in the days prior to affordable conference calling) to a 2.5-day meeting in a retreat-like environment, that allows for leadership development and extended discussion of strategic issues. In addition to regional directors and guild presidents, the meeting is open by invitation to CMA members interested in such issues. If you would like to attend a future Mid-Year Meeting, please contact the national office. *W*

USCCB ISSUES STATEMENT ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

On Thursday, June 16, 2011, the bishops of the United States approved and released a statement on physician-assisted suicide titled “To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide.” While the USCCB and state Catholic Conferences have issued statements on several state initiatives over the years, this is the first formal statement of the bishops’ conference on physician-assisted suicide (PAS).

The USCCB made the decision to issue a new, national statement because of the increasingly aggressive and sophisticated tactics used by advocates of assisted suicide. For example, the leading agency now promoting euthanasia and PAS is named “Compassion and Choices.” Compassion and Choices has invested significant resources in honing its public image and messaging (compared with former chief advocate, Derek Humphrey’s Hemlock Society), and in executing a sophisticated campaign of legislation, litigation, and slick marketing. It has been able to achieve some success. In 2008, the state of Washington was the first state in 14 years to decriminalize assistance in suicide through a ballot initiative. Proponents of PAS are determined to spread the acceptance of PAS to the east coast of America. They are focusing on New England states in particular, since they are small and more liberal than average. It is for this reason that the U.S. bishops have decided to act.

“To Live Each Day with Dignity” is a short, but powerful document. After reviewing the new challenges posed by proponents of PAS, the document critically analyzes two arguments used to undermine opposition to PAS: (1) that legalizing PAS is necessary to respect freedom; and (2) that making PAS available to people is a “compassionate” thing to do. “To Live Each Day with Dignity” challenges the illusory notion of freedom put forward by proponents of PAS. It notes that patients for whom PAS is most tempting are frequently sick, depressed and vulnerable. Whether because of pain or suffering, fear or depression, patients at the end of life cannot exercise responsibly the autonomy that advocates of PAS claim for them. Moreover, “To Live Each Day with Dignity” points out that decriminalizing PAS implicitly threatens all disabled and vulnerable people in our society, since it calls into question the basic societal value of protection of the sick and the weak. And, it essentially undermines the core human values recognized in the Declaration of Independence—the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—since it presumes that helping someone to kill him or herself can be a good and legal action.

The argument from compassion is similarly analyzed and addressed. Advocating killing as a compassionate response to sickness and disability is in fact a contradiction in the very term, “compassion”—which means to “suffer with.” Indeed, false compassion, according to “To Live Each Day with Dignity,” increases suffering since it increases the feeling of isolation and despair of the sick and vulnerable. And the experience of The Netherlands shows the temptation for society to expand eligibility for PAS to more people who do not measure up to social standards of value and utility, even while reducing resources for authentic palliative care.

“To Live Each Day with Dignity” is an effective document because it seamlessly integrates arguments based on reason and human experience with those based on revelation and the moral tradition of the Church. It is a cogent presentation that draws both on faith and reason. Another reason CMA members should take an added interest in “To Live Each Day with Dignity” is that CMA members including president Jan R. Hemstad, M.D., Oregon assisted suicide expert William Toffler, M.D., and executive director John F. Brehany, Ph.D., assisted in drafting and reviewing the statement. It was a privilege for the CMA to work with the USCCB and advisors to the Pro-Life Activities Committee on the project.

The effectiveness of “To Live Each Day with Dignity” is further enhanced because the USCCB has put together a special web page—www.usccb.org/toliveeachday—which has additional supporting resources. These include direct links to Church teaching documents, a variety of “fact sheets,” and select educational articles.

Unlike the battle over abortion, in which pro-life forces suffered a decisive setback via a Supreme Court decision, the battle over PAS will be fought state-by-state and person-by-person. It is essential that the CMA, and all proponents of a culture of life, renew both our resolve and our resources for fighting and winning these battles. “To Live Each Day with Dignity” can serve both as a wake-up call and as an effective resource. *ew*

2011 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 5

7:00 P.M. Vespers and Homily, Fr. John Ehrich, CMA Chaplain

Thursday, October 6

7:15 A.M. Confessions and Rosary
 7:45 A.M. **Mass**, Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, Principal Celebrant (Eucharistic Exposition begins after Mass)
 8:45 A.M. Continental Breakfast
 9:15 A.M. Invocation and Welcome, Maricela P. Moffitt, M.D., M.P.H., President-Elect
 9:30 A.M. **Douglas G. Bushman, S.T.L.**, *Formation of Catholic Physicians for the New Evangelization: Doctrinal, Spiritual, and Pastoral*
 10:15 A.M. **Break.** Please visit with our exhibitors
 10:30 A.M. **Craig Steven Titus, S.T.D., Ph.D.**, *Classic Thought on Virtue and the Modern Sciences*
 11:15 A.M. **Sr. Terese Auer, O.P., Ph.D.**, *Moral Decision Making*
 12:00 P.M. Lunch: Updates from Regional Directors and Student Section
 1:00 P.M. **W. David Solomon, Ph.D.**, *Foundations of Clinical Ethics*
 1:45 P.M. Small Group Discussion: Case #1
 2:30 P.M. **Break.** Please visit with our exhibitors
 2:45 P.M. Small Group Discussion: Case #2
 3:45 P.M. Plenary Session: Case Debriefing and Discussion
 4:30 P.M. Panel Discussion with Question & Answer
 5:15 P.M. Reception and Dinner: Medical Students and Residents
 5:45 P.M. Special Event: Dinner and *Tango and the Mystery of Divine Love* with Katrina Zenó. Dancing to follow

Friday, October 7

7:15 A.M. Confessions and Rosary
 7:45 A.M. **Mass**, Most Rev. Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of Santa Rosa, Principal Celebrant
 8:45 A.M. Continental Breakfast
 9:15 A.M. **Most Rev. James S. Wall**, *Growth in the Interior Life*
 10:00 A.M. **Sr. Mary Diana Dreger, O.P., M.D., F.A.C.P.**, *The Practice of Virtue in the Practice of Medicine*
 10:45 A.M. **Break.** Please visit with our exhibitors
 11:00 A.M. **John Brehany, Ph.D., S.T.L.**, *The ABCs of the ERDs*
 12:00 P.M. Lunch: Linacre Award Presentation
 1:00 P.M. **Nikolas T. Nikas, J.D., M.A.**, *The Challenges and Glory of Conscientious Practice: What Every Catholic Health-Care Professional Should Know*
 1:45 P.M. **Alan E. Sears, J.D.**, *Current Conscience Litigation Landscape*

2:30 P.M. **Break.** Please visit with our exhibitors
 2:45 P.M. **Christopher Kaczor, Ph.D.**, *The 10 Commandments for Health-Care Workers*
 3:30 P.M. **Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.**, *Brain Death and Ethics*
 4:15 P.M. Panel Discussion with Question & Answer
 4:45 P.M. **Break.** Please visit with our exhibitors
 5:15 P.M. Bishop's Reception
 6:30 P.M. Dinner on your own

Saturday, October 8

7:15 A.M. Confessions and Rosary
 7:45 A.M. **Mass**, Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, Principal Celebrant
 8:45 A.M. Continental Breakfast
 9:15 A.M. **T. Murphy Goodwin, M.D.**, *Clinical Parameters of Difficult Cases in Pregnancy*
 9:55 A.M. **John M. Haas, Ph.D., S.T.L.**, *Direct Abortion: Differing Definitions*
 10:40 A.M. **Break.** Please visit with our exhibitors
 10:55 A.M. **Very Rev. Christopher Fraser, J.C.L.**, *The Munus Regendi: The Exercise of the Bishop's Pastoral Governance in Health Care*
 11:15 A.M. Panel Discussion with Question & Answer
 12:00 P.M. Lunch: Update on the St. Luke Program in Servant Leadership for Physicians
 1:00 P.M. National CMA Annual Business Meeting
 3:00 P.M. **Break.** Please visit with our exhibitors
 3:15 P.M. **FORUMS**
 Medical Student Forum
 NFP Forum
 Specialty Group Forum
 4:30 P.M. Depart for White Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
 5:00 P.M. **White Mass**, Most Rev. José H. Gómez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, Principal Celebrant
 6:30 P.M. **Banquet**
 Keynote Speaker **Most Rev. José H. Gómez**, Archbishop of Los Angeles, *Evangelium Vitae* Award

Sunday, October 9

8:30 A.M. Traveler's Mass

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INTENDED AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for physicians, osteopathic physicians, dental surgeons, dentists, physicians in training (e.g., residents, interns, and medical students), allied health professionals (e.g., physician assistants, nurses, etc.), scientists, members of the clergy, seminarians, and people of good will (general public).

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

After attending this activity, a participant should be able to:

1. Identify and articulate the elements necessary for physician formation.
2. Discuss the steps in Catholic bioethical moral decision making
3. Appraise the importance of conscience protections for health-care professionals.
4. Apply the *Ethical and Religious Directives* to complex bioethical problems.
5. Critically review the complex ethical issues involved in the beginning of life and end of life.
6. Better understand the relationship between Catholic bioethics, the legal landscape, and the faith-filled practice of medicine.

Providence Regional Medical Center Everett (PRMCE) is accredited by the Washington State Medical Association CME Accreditation Committee to sponsor continuing medical education activities for physicians.

Providence Regional Medical Center Everett designates this educational activity for a maximum of 24 hours in Category 1 to satisfy the re-licensure requirements of the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission.

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American Academy of Family Physician hours have been applied for. Authorization pending.

PRMCE is an approved provider for Nursing Education hours. This program has been approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (provider #13721) for 28.8 hours.

THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL EVENT

Tango and the Mystery of Divine Love

Dinner and Dancing with a Latin Flare

Bring your dancing shoes and join us for an elegant dinner with Latin flare, followed by "Tango and the Mystery of Divine Love" with international speaker and Argentine tango enthusiast Katrina J. Zeno.



Zeno will inspire you through her insights into Argentine tango as the perfect metaphor for our relationship with Christ. She will share her joys, struggles, and arguments with God through Argentine tango while elucidating its connection to Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" and the mystery of divine love. Dance instructors will help you to begin to apply what you've learned and kick off an evening of dancing. Singles as well as couples are welcome to join us for a fun-filled, thought-provoking evening as we discover why it takes "three to tango!"

Katrina J. Zeno is the coordinator of the John Paul II Resource Center for the Diocese of Phoenix, co-host of EWTN's series on Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body," and co-foundress of Women of the Third Millennium. Zeno is a dance instructor, author, and mother.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Wigwam, an Arizona landmark and Historic Hotel of America, has offered a luxury resort experience with Old West charm since 1918. Built in the style of traditional Territorial Adobe architecture, The Wigwam's guest rooms are embellished with wood furnishings and locally handcrafted pottery while, outdoors, each room features a personal patio or terrace overlooking palm trees, colorful flowers, and Sonoran Desert sunsets. The Wigwam also features a full-service luxury spa, a 54-hole golf course, 9 illuminated tennis courts, and 4 pools.

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POST-CONFERENCE: Experience breathtaking Sedona in an unforgettable 100% off-road Jeep tour on Sunday, October 9, presented by Pink Jeep Tours. Go to the Extracurricular Opportunities tab at www.cathmed.org for more information.



2011 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Most Rev. José H. Gómez, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles



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Sr. Terese Auer, O.P., Ph.D.
Teacher
Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia
Congregation, Nashville

John Brehany, Ph.D., S.T.L.
Executive Director and Ethicist
Catholic Medical Association

Matt Bowman, J.D.
Legal Counsel
Alliance Defense Fund

Douglas G. Bushman, S.T.L.
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Institute for Pastoral Theology
Ave Maria University

**Sr. Mary Diana Dreger, O.P., M.D.,
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T. Murphy Goodwin, M.D.
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Alan E. Sears, J.D.
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The William P. and Hazel B. White
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Craig Steven Titus, S.T.D., Ph.D.
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Most Rev. James S. Wall
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This registration form, along with the appropriate registration fee determined below, must be returned no later than September 11, 2011, to ensure your place at the conference. Registration is also available online: www.cathmed.org
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(please circle one above)

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Physicians & Dentists	\$820	\$ _____
After August 14	\$890	\$ _____

Other—Spouse, Priest, Religious, Student,
Allied Health Professional, Resident, General Public
(please circle one above)

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After August 14	\$585	\$ _____

SINGLE-DAY REGISTRATION

Includes everything for a single day (except Special
Event and Banquet) Circle day(s): Thur. Fri. Sat.

Physicians & Dentists	\$340	\$ _____
After August 14	\$410	\$ _____
All Others	\$260	\$ _____
After August 14	\$330	\$ _____

THURSDAY'S SPECIAL EVENT

Not Included in the Full Conference Package.
Event attendance is limited to 150 people

Tango and the Mystery of Divine Love

Adults	\$125	\$ _____
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SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET

Included in Full Conference Package

Extra Tickets	Adults \$125	\$ _____
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