

The National Catholic Bioethics Center

Presents

A One-Day Seminar in Catholic Bioethics

*for health care professionals, chaplains,
clergy, teachers, and interested lay-persons*

*Sponsored by the
California Catholic Women's Forum
www.ccwf.org*

"Clearly, the scientific community cannot shoulder the whole burden of bringing ethics to bear. Catholic clergy and laity must become knowledgeable about emerging biotechnologies if they are to help people make the critical decisions they will inevitably face. Both the Church and the scientific community, we believe, can benefit from the effort to harmonize scientific advance with religious insight."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1995

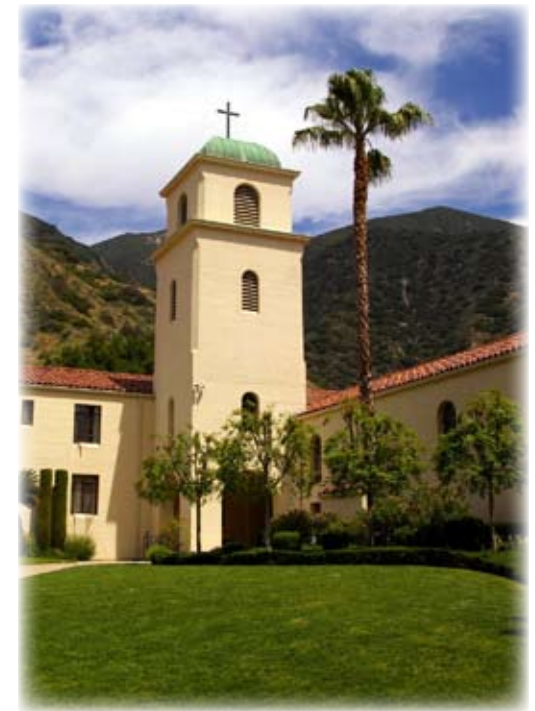
The National Catholic Bioethics Center

The National Catholic Bioethics Center was founded in 1972 in St. Louis, Missouri to provide expert moral analysis in the fields of medicine and the life sciences. The NCBC works to promote and safeguard the dignity of the human person through research, education, consultation and publishing. The NCBC is regularly called upon to provide medical moral analyses for bishops and offices of the Holy See. Health care professionals and institutions also engage the NCBC for its consultative services. The NCBC provides more than 700 consultations annually and customized seminars reaching thousands of individuals. In addition to serving those in pastoral ministry, NCBC staff ethicists advise physicians and their patients on difficult beginning-of-life and end-of-life issues and advise health care systems on highly sensitive issues related to hospital mergers and joint ventures. The Center has had close working relationships with members of the hierarchy, most notably Pope Benedict XVI who addressed two of its workshops for bishops, and Cardinal William Levada, the current Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith who previously served as chairman of the board.



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Urged On by Christ Serving the Human Person in Health Care and the Life Sciences



September 23, 2008
Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center
Sierra Madre, CA





The NCBC and Education

The National Catholic Bioethics Center has been hosting educational events for health care workers and clergy for over 30 years. Using the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* as the framework for their seminars, NCBC ethicists and invited guests provide those who attend with the awareness to present, analyze and resolve complex ethical dilemmas encountered in clinical settings and research from an interdisciplinary and Catholic perspective.

Who Should Attend?

Physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, clergy, chaplains, educators and anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic approach to ethical issues in health care will benefit from this seminar.

What You Can Expect to Gain

Case studies will be presented and analyzed to help participants translate moral theory into clinical practice. Topics include beginning-of-life and end-of-life issues that clinicians and pastoral staff face on a daily basis. Participants may expect to gain a greater familiarity in the application of the Catholic tradition in health care as expressed in the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*.

Continuing Education Credit

Continuing education credit for doctors, nurses and chaplains is offered for this seminar. Visit the NCBC website at www.ncbcenter.org/annual_seminars.asp for specific details and number of credits offered.



Faculty and Topics



John M. Haas, Ph.D., S.T.L.

NCBC President

- *Catholic Health Care at the Service of the Human Person*
- *Babies are Begotten, Not Made*

Dr. Haas has been president of the NCBC since 1996. He is an internationally respected moral theologian who serves as a consultant to the Pro-Life Activities Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as an Ordinary Member of the Pontifical Academy for Life in 2006.



Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

NCBC Dir. of Education

- *Stem Cell Research—The Whole Story*
- *When Dead REALLY Means Dead*

Father Tad is in great demand as a speaker on the topic of human embryonic stem cell research. He is interviewed frequently by the media and is often called upon to testify before state legislatures on the topic of embryonic stem cell research. Father holds a doctoral degree from Yale University in neuroscience and was a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard

Medical School working as a molecular biologist. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River.



Marie T. Hilliard, R.N., Ph.D., J.C.L.

Dir. of Bioethics and Public Policy

- *Advance Planning for the End of Life and the Threat of Physicians Assisted Suicide*

Dr Hilliard is a registered nurse and canon lawyer who for several years before joining the NCBC staff served as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Catholic Conference. She is the Past-Chair of the National Advisory Council to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and a full colonel in the US. Army Reserves.



Vincent Fortanasce, MD

Physician and Author

- *Panel Discussion Moderator*

Dr. Fortanasce is President of Fortanasce Neurology Center in Arcadia and a board certified neurological rehabilitation specialist and psychiatrist. He is a member of the Combined Law and Medical Board of Bioethics for Los Angeles County, and a renowned bioethicist, author, and radio show host with twenty years experience dealing with medical issues on a national and international level. Dr. Fortanasce is a regular spokesperson for the

California Medical Association at the Senate and Legislature assemblies.



The Details

Date: September 23, 2008

Location:

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center
700 North Sunnyside Avenue
Sierra Madre, CA

Schedule:

7:45	Mass followed by a continental breakfast.
8:15	Registration begins.
9:00	Morning Session · <i>Catholic Health Care and the Human Person,</i> · <i>Babies are Begotten, Not Made</i> · <i>Stem Cell Research, The Whole Story</i>
12:05	Break for Lunch
1:30	Afternoon Session · <i>Advance Planning for the End of Life</i> · <i>When Dead Really Means Dead</i>
3:40	Panel Discussion led by Vince Fortanasce, MD focused on Health Care issues and Medical Research in California.
5:00	Conference ends

Cost: \$125

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Registration and Additional Information:

Please visit the NCBC website at www.ncbcenter.org/annual_seminars.asp for additional information or to register online. You may also call the NCBC offices at **215-877-2660** and ask to speak to **Julie Kelley**.

