

The National Catholic Bioethics Center
Presents

A Two-Day Seminar in Catholic Bioethics

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

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"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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Serving the Human Person in Health Care and the Life Sciences



September 26—27, 2008
O'Connor Hospital
San Jose, 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 is offered for this seminar to physicians, nurses and chaplains. Visit the NCBC website for specific details and number of credits offered. See www.ncbcenter.org/annual_seminars.asp for details.



Faculty and Topics



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

- *The Role and Importance of the ERD's*
- *Responsible Stewardship of the Goods of Marriage*
- *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Organ Transplantation*
- *Complex Questions of Cooperation*

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.



Marie T. Hilliard, R.N. Ph.D., J.C.L.
Dir. of Bioethics and Public Policy

- *Ethical Approaches to Complications Before and After Birth*
- *Advanced Planning for the End of Life*
- *The Tragedy of Sexual Assault and the Compassion of the Church*

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 Chair of the National Advisory Council to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and a full colonel in the US. Army Reserves.



Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.
Dir. of Education

- *Babies are Begotten, Not Made*
- *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. 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.



Charles J. Bentz, M.D., FACP
Clinical Assoc. Professor, Oregon Health Sciences University

- *Care and Respect for the Dying: Ethical Issues in Palliative Care*

Dr. Bentz is chair of the internal medicine section at St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center in Portland, Oregon and editor of the Providence Health System's *Provider Handbook for Palliative End of Life Care*, a 15-chapter syllabus with tools for improving end of life care. In addition to his academic post at Oregon Health Sciences University, Dr. Bentz is also on the faculty of Pacific University in Forest Grove.



The Details

Dates: September 26—27, 2008

Location:

O'Connor Hospital
Conference Room
2105 Forest Avenue
San Jose, CA 95128

Daily Schedule:

7:30 Mass each morning followed by a continental breakfast.

9:00 Conferences begin
12:05 Lunch
1:30 Conferences resume
5:00 Conferences end

The seminar will end on the second day with a panel discussion of practical issues related to the presentations.

Cost: \$400 registration fee
\$225 for NCBC members
\$340 for students

Registration includes admission to the seminar and one copy of *Health Care Ethics: A Manual for Ethics Committees*, a copy of each presentation and continental breakfast both mornings. Students are responsible for their own transportation, lodging and meals other than breakfast.

Non-members who register for the seminar will also receive a one-year individual membership in the NCBC. See the NCBC website for membership details.

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**.

