

Virtual 18TH ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY

Medicine, Bioethics & Spirituality Conference

Saturday – Sunday
February 10-11, 2024

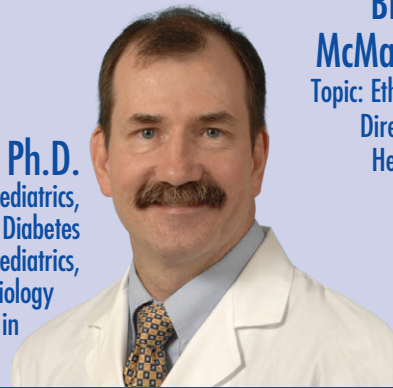
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FEATURED SPEAKERS

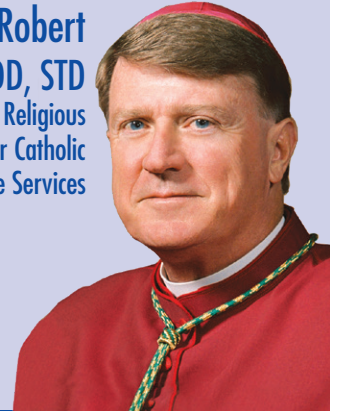


George Delgado, MD, F.A.A.F.P.
Fellow, American Academy of Family Physicians,
President of Steno Institute

Paul W. Hruz, MD, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Pediatrics,
Endocrinology and Diabetes
Associate Professor of Pediatrics,
Cell Biology and Physiology
Washington University in
St. Louis School of Medicine



**Bishop Robert
McManus, DD, STD**
Topic: Ethical and Religious
Directives for Catholic
Health Care Services



OTHER DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



Very Rev. Chris Alar, MIC



Bryan Thatcher, MD



Kristin Robinson, BS



Sr. M. Inga Kvassayová, OLM



Christopher Klofft, STD



Marie Romagnano, MSN, RN, CCM



Very Rev. Joseph Roesch, MIC



Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC



Ronald M. Sobecks, MD

CEUs & CMEs

Physicians: 14.0 Nurses: 16.8
Social Workers: 14.0 Pastoral Care: 14.0

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*TM.

Information and to register:

TheDivineMercy.org/VirtualHealthcare or call 1-800-462-7426

DAY 1 • Saturday, February 10, 2024

ON LINE "WALK IN" LAST MINUTE REGISTRATION 24/7

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration online open	2:45-3:30	Sr. M. Inga Kvassayová, OLM <i>Eucharist a Source of Healing for Patients</i>
9:00-10:00	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – Livestreamed at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy	3:30-3:40	Hour of Great Mercy: Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers
10:15-10:30	Welcome and Opening Prayer at St. Faustina's Center	3:40-4:00	Break
10:30-11:15	Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, BA, STB, STL (Cand.) <i>The Moral Virtue of Fortitude: Essential for Healthcare Professionals</i>	4:00-4:45	Dr. Christopher Klofft, Associate Professor of Theology, Assumption College <i>The Anthropology of Gender: God's Revelation and Contemporary Challenges</i>
11:15-12:15 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Dr. George Delgado, MD, F.A.A.F.P., Fellow, American Academy of Family Physicians, President of Steno Institute <i>Fortitude in Action: Bringing Abortion Pill Reversal to Those Seeking a Second Chance</i>	4:45-5:15	Most Rev. Robert McManus, S.T.D. <i>Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services</i>
12:30-1:00	Lunch	5:15-6:00	Marie Romagnano, MSN, RN, CRC, CCM, Founder of Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy, Assistant Clinical Professor, Elms School of Nursing, College of Our Lady of the Elms <i>Ukraine War and the Medical and Humanitarian Challenge: Catastrophic Medical Case Management</i>
1:00-1:45	Ronald Sobecks, MD, Professor, Dept. of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Taussig Cancer Institute, Cleveland Clinic <i>Fortitude in the Practice of Hematology/Oncology in Patient Care</i>	6:00-6:45	Kristin Robinson, BS, Kansas City Executive Director <i>Project C.U.R.E.: War Response to the Medical and Humanitarian Needs in Ukraine</i>
1:45-2:45	Keynote Speaker: Dr. George Delgado, MD, F.A.A.F.P., Fellow, American Academy of Family Physicians, President of Steno Institute <i>Post-Roe Threats to the Health of Women and Pre-Born Babies</i>		

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration online open	2:45-3:45	Very Rev. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers, National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, Massachusetts <i>The Virtues of Our Lady and Fortitude in Healthcare: Model for Patients and Healthcare Professional</i>
9:00-10:00	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass — Livestreamed at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy	3:45-3:50	Hour of Great Mercy: Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers
10:15-10:30	Welcome and Opening Prayer at St. Faustina's Center	3:50-4:00	Break
10:30-11:15	Ronald Sobechs, MD, Professor, Dept. of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Taussig Cancer Institute, Cleveland Clinic <i>The Gift of Presence and Mercy in the Restoration and Preservation of Health</i>	4:00-4:45	Dr. Paul W. Hruz, MD, PhD., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Endocrinology and Diabetes Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Cell Biology and Physiology, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine <i>Sexual Identity: Speaking Truth with Love to Our Patients</i>
11:15-12:15 p.m.	Christopher Klofft, PhD., Associate Professor of Theology, Assumption University <i>Medically-Assisted Suicide: Understanding and Witnessing to Truth</i>	4:45-5:30	Dr. Bryan Thatcher, MD, Intl. Director, Doctors for Divine Mercy; Founder, Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy <i>Virtues of St. Faustina with Terminal Tuberculosis: A Model for Patients</i>
12:15-1:00	Lunch	5:30-6:30	Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, BA, STB, STL (Cand.) <i>The Virtue of Fortitude: The Courage to Love, to Hope and Trust for Patients and Their Families</i>
1:00-1:45	Very Rev. Joseph Roesch, MIC, MA, STL, Superior General of the Marian Congregation <i>Samaritanus Bonus and Fortitude: An Approach of Mercy for Patient Care</i>		
1:45-2:45	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Paul W. Hruz, MD, PhD., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Endocrinology and Diabetes Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Cell Biology and Physiology, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine <i>Medical Approaches to Alleviate Suffering from Gender Dysphoria: Scientific Evidence and Outcome</i>		

DAY 3 • Monday, February 12, 2024 \$35.00 donation

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Livestream Holy Mass from the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy
10:30 a.m.	Retreat Lecture by Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, BA, STB, STL (Cand.)
12:30 p.m.	with other speakers.

CONFERENCE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Physician and Physician Assistant: 14.0 CMEs

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of UMass Chan Medical School Office of Continuing Medical Education and Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy. The UMass Chan Medical School Office of Continuing Medical Education is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The UMass Chan Medical School Office of Continuing Medical Education designates this live for a maximum of 14 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nursing: 16.8 CEUs

This offering meets the requirements for 16.8 contact hours for nurses as specified by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (244-CMR 5.04). Each nurse should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. 10 CEUs with book: *Nursing With the Hands of Jesus: A Guide to Nurses for Divine Mercy* — order from Marians (413) 298-1399.

Social Work & National Association of Catholic Chaplains: 14.0 CEUs NASW Social Worker & National Assn of Catholic Chaplains CEUs available. Social work continuing education credits: NASW Authorization #D 80601-1 and #D 80601-2.

GOALS ASSESSMENT:

As a result of attending this educational activity, each participant will be able to identify the elements of bioethical principles and apply them to patient care. Participants will not only enhance their own knowledge of bioethics, but also offer patients and their families comprehensive bioethical information. This information will facilitate in making difficult or major life-changing decisions, thus, offering peace of mind to the physician, patient, and family alike.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify specific medical situations and assess them in the light of bioethical principles.
2. Be able to convey to patients and their families bioethical guidelines surrounding end of life issues such as: withdrawal of medical care, food, nutrition and hydration, artificial ventilation.
3. Deepen the understanding of the role that spirituality plays in the well-being of the medical professional as well as its healing effect on the patient. Recommended readings for conference preparation: Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Services.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
TheDivineMercy.org/VirtualHealthcare**1-800-462-7426****Virtual Conference Re-Broadcast Livestream**
CEUS, CMES & MORE

Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioner CEUs: 2 days:
\$199 • 1 day: \$99

CEUs/Day — February 10th: 8.4; Feb. 11th: 8.4

Physician, Physician Assistant and Dentist CMEs:
2 days: \$249 • 1 day: \$149

CMEs/Day — Feb. 10th: 7.0; Feb 11th: 7.0

Social Workers, Pastoral Care & Other Healthcare Professionals:
2 days: \$199 • 1 day: \$99

CEUs/Day — Feb 10th: 7.0; Feb 11th: 7.0

OPTIONAL RETREAT HALF DAY \$35 Donation
STUDENTS: \$55 per day. Fax valid student ID to 413-298-3583 or email
PMarkavage@Marian.org

SCHOLARSHIP: Request a scholarship based on financial circumstances.
No other discounts are available. Thank you for your donation to this Marian Apostolate.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

All healthcare professionals are invited. Target audience includes: nurses, physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers, pastoral care, hospital chaplains and other clergy. Other allied healthcare workers, educators and all those who care for the sick and injured are invited.

FACULTY DISCLOSURE:

It is the policy of the UMass Chan Medical School to ensure fair balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all activities. All faculty participating in CME activities sponsored by the UMass Chan Medical School are required to present evidence-based data, identify and reference off-label product use and disclose all relevant financial relationships with those supporting the activity or others whose products or services are discussed. Faculty disclosure will be provided in the activity materials.