

## Medicine, Bioethics & Spirituality Conference

Wednesday - Friday  
June 5-7, 2024

AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY, STOCKBRIDGE, MA

sponsored by:  
Healthcare Professionals  
for Divine Mercy

### SPEAKERS



**CEUs & CMEs**      **Physicians: 12**      **Nurses: 12**      **Social Workers: 12**      **Pastoral Care: 12**



Accreditation: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA) and Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy. Christian Medical & Dental Associations are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

#### DAY 1 • WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

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

<p>7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration at St. Faustina Center (Continental breakfast).</p> <p>9:00-10:00 Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.</p> <p>10:15-10:30 Welcome and Opening Prayer at St. Faustina's Center.</p> <p>10:30-11:15 Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, BA, STB, STL (Cand.), Director of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy; Religious Director of Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy. <i>Understanding Compassion and Mercy in Healthcare: Benefits to Patient Care.</i></p> <p>11:15-12:00 p.m. Robin Goldsmith, MD, President and Chief Medical Officer of the St. Gianna Clinic in De Pere, Wisconsin, co-founded in 2014. <i>The Need for Courage and Compassion in Catholic Primary Care.</i></p> <p>12:00-1:00 Lunch.</p> <p>1:00-1:45 Ronald Sobecks, MD, Professor, Dept. of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Taussig Cancer Institute, Cleveland Clinic. <i>Approaches to Merciful Healthcare: Enhancing the Patient Experience.</i></p> <p>1:45-2:30 Robin Goldsmith, MD, President and Chief Medical Officer of the St. Gianna Clinic in De Pere, Wisconsin, co-founded in 2014. <i>Life at the End of Life.</i></p>	<p>2:30-3:15 Sister M. Salvatrice Musial, OLM, Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy; M.A. from Pontifical Academy of Theology, study at the School of Religious Formators. <i>Spirituality of Mercy. Transforming painful experiences into a gift to heal others.</i></p> <p>3:15-3:45 <b>Hour of Great Mercy: Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers.</b></p> <p>3:45-4:30 Kathleen Brooks Scoble, EdD, MEd, MA, RN, Dean Emeritus, College of Our Lady of the Elms School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing. <i>Life of Compassion and Mercy: Rendering Medical Care to the "Poorest of the Poor" Found on the Streets of Calcutta.</i></p> <p>4:30-5:15 Bryan Thatcher, MD, Intl. Director, Doctors for Divine Mercy; Founder, Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy. <i>Reflections on Mercy and Compassion — A Case Study of a Patient with Terminal Tuberculosis.</i></p> <p>5:15-6:00 Marie Romagnano, MSN, RN, CCM-R, Founder of Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy; Assistant Clinical Professor, College of Our Lady of the Elms, School of Nursing; Director, Medical and Humanitarian Case Management Operations for Ukraine Relief. <i>The Five-Minute Spiritual Assessment for Any Healthcare Professional and Joint Commission Guidelines.</i></p>
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Information and to register:

[TheDivineMercy.org/healthcare/conference](http://TheDivineMercy.org/healthcare/conference) or call 1-800-462-7426

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11:15-12:00 p.m.	Christopher Klofft, PhD., Associate Professor of Theology, Assumption University. <i>Just War Theory and the Challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conflict.</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch.
1:00-1:45	Most Rev. Joseph Roesch, MIC, MA, STL, Superior General of the worldwide Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. <i>Practicing Faith-Based Virtues as the Key to Compassionate and Merciful Care in the Medical Settings.</i>
1:45-2:30	Andrea Bertheaud, MSN, RN-BC, Clinical Assistant Professor at College of Our Lady of the Elms, School of Nursing, Coordinator for Mental Health and Population Health Nursing Courses. <i>Compassion and Mercy: Medical Profession Students Caring for Populations at Home and Abroad.</i>

2:30-3:15	Very Rev. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province, National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, Massachusetts. <i>Our Lady and the Eucharist: Importance for Patient Care.</i>
3:15-3:45	<b>Hour of Great Mercy: Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers</b>
3:45-4:30	Marie Romagnano, MSN, RN, CCM-R and Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, BA, STB, STL (Cand.) <i>Case Study of a Dying Patient: Clinical, Family, and Pastoral Considerations for the Medical and Pastoral Team.</i>
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6:00-6:45	The Most Rev. Robert J McManus, DD, STD, Bishop of Worcester, MA; Past Chairperson of the Committee on Education for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. <i>How The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Services Helps Physicians, Nurses, and Others Provide Better Healthcare.</i>

DAY 3 • FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 \$75 donation includes Lunch

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Holy Mass from the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.
10:15	Coffee and Bakery Items.
10:30-12:30 p.m.	Retreat Lecture by Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, BA, STB, STL (Cand.). Lunch to Follow.

CONFERENCE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Physician Credit: 6 CMEs per day. The Christian Medical & Dental Associations designates this educational activity for a maximum of 12 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Physician Assistant: 6 CMEs per day. AAPA accepts certificates of participation for educational activities certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup> by an organization accredited by the ACCME or a recognized state medical society. **Physician assistants may receive up to 12 credits for completing this activity.**

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Nursing: 6 CEUs per day. This activity has been submitted to Georgia Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Georgia Nurses Association is an accredited approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. **Determination of credit is pending.**

Social Work & National Association of Catholic Chaplains: NASW Social Worker & National Assn of Catholic Chaplains CEUs are available.

CEU INFORMATION AND COMPLETE OBJECTIVES: [TheDivineMercy.org/Bioethics](https://TheDivineMercy.org/Bioethics)

1. Describe the elements of the Divine Mercy Message and devotion and its impact on the care of dying patients.
2. Describe how the Sacraments in severe illness can give hope for suffering patients.
3. Discuss how the *Ethical and Religious directives for Catholic Healthcare Services* helps healthcare professionals provide better healthcare.
4. Outline Joint Commission Guidelines for the spiritual assessment of patients.

**CEUS, CMES & MORE**  
 Registration includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch daily  
 Registered Nurses  
 2 days: \$250 • 1 day: \$125

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Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner  
 2 days: \$350 • 1 day: \$175

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Social Workers, Pastoral Care & Other Healthcare Professionals  
 2 days: \$250 • 1 day: \$125

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**RETREAT** \$75 half day includes Lunch

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STUDENTS: \$55 per day. Fax valid student ID to 413-298-3583 or email PMarkavage@Marian.org

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International Healthcare Professionals: \$55/day with letter of Attendance  
 Scholarship Request: email PMarkavage@Marian.org  
 No other discounts are available.  
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 Disclosures for all those in control of the content of this activity. The names of the ineligible companies (within the last 24 months) and the nature of the financial relationship(s). There is no minimum financial threshold. Disclosure of all financial relationships with ineligible companies regardless of the potential relevance of each relationship to the education.

Activity Planners, Faculty and CMDA CE Review Committee:  
 No relevant financial relationships were identified for any individuals with the ability to control the content of this activity.  
**ALL RELEVANT FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WERE MITIGATED.**