



## CANADIAN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS INSTITUTE INSTITUT CANADIEN CATHOLIQUE DE BIOÉTHIQUE

UNIVERSITY OF ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE  
IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

### FOR PEOPLE IN THE PEWS

For People in the Pews (FPiP) is an “everyday bioethics” lecture series designed for parishes and other interested groups.

Understanding bioethical principles has become increasingly important as science and medicine develop new techniques. Sometimes these raise moral questions that seem to challenge Catholic teaching on the dignity of human life.

When unexpectedly confronted with moral and ethical dilemmas related to biotechnologies, many people may find themselves at a loss and seek guidance.

#### PARISH SETTINGS:

A parish may host or co-host FPIP with neighbouring parishes. FPIP fits well into an advent or lenten schedule. The normal schedule is two hours an evening over four weeks. (Other arrangements to suit the parish are possible.)

#### OTHER SETTINGS:

For People in the Pews is suitable for many organizations. The format conforms to the needs of the audience. FPIP has been held in hospice and long-term care settings, and as seminars for clergy and educators. It may be scheduled as a one-day event, a weekend, or over consecutive days or evenings.

### OUTLINE

#### PART 1: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE ON ETHICS

Foundations of Catholic Ethics:  
Scripture and Tradition  
Natural Law  
Foundations of Catholic Bioethics  
Conscience

#### PART 2: REPRODUCTIVE ISSUES

Personhood  
Reproductive technologies  
Stem cell research and cloning

#### PART 3: END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

Withdrawal of treatment  
Prolonging life  
Pain and Suffering  
Terminal sedation  
Health-care directives

#### PART 4: EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED DYING

Euthanasia  
Physician-assisted suicide  
Palliative care  
Sacrament of the Sick  
Spiritual needs

### PRESENTERS

Theologians and specialists present Church teaching and engage people in discussion on moral and ethical life issues:

#### Moira McQueen, LL B, MDiv, PhD

Dr. McQueen is the Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. She teaches moral theology in the Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College.

#### Bridget Campion, PhD

#### Barry Brown, PhD

#### Rory Fisher, MB, FRCP(ED)(C)

#### Mary Rowell, csj, PhD

#### HONORARIUM PARISHES:

The recommended amount for the honorarium to CCBI is \$10 per person per evening; parishes often choose to assume the cost of the honorarium.

#### OTHER GROUPS:

Please contact CCBI to discuss the honorarium.

#### DISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS

FPIP has been held in Calgary, Edmonton, and in many Ontario locations outside Toronto. We welcome the opportunity to travel to bring this program to you. Participation through video conferencing is an option.

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