

THE FOURTH  
CARDINAL AMBROZIC  
LECTURE IN BIOETHICS

**Dementia and Pharmacology:  
Ethical Aspects**



**SPEAKER**

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**7:00 pm**  
Madden Auditorium, Carr Hall  
St Michael's College  
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**SUMMARY**

Many ethical questions are related to dementia and pharmacology: the question of mental capacity and consent, the respect for people with dementia who still have a say in the way they will be treated, the question of equal access to care and treatment, the accuracy, effectiveness and side-effects of medication, the big issue of patenting, the duty to treat, the participation of people with dementia in clinical research, the quality and sanctity of life, information on the educational efforts to be taken by the drug manufacturer to ensure that participating physicians and potential recipients have sufficient knowledge of the potential risks and benefits to assure that they can make an adequate decision, and more. There are other issues such as behaviour control, chemical dependency, alternatives to pharmacology, and discrimination based on age.

The lecture will offer participants the possibility to become more aware of the ethical challenges and to reflect upon some specific issues related to dementia and pharmacology.

**BIO**

Prof. Noël Simard teaches ethics at the Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, and is Director of the Saint Paul University Ethics Centre. A member of three clinical ethics committees of Gatineau-Ottawa health institutions, Father Simard is also an Associate of the International Federation of Catholic Bioethicists. He represents the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops as corresponding member of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

An international speaker on gerontopharmacology, and ethics, Father Simard is Ethics Advisor of the Collegium Internationale in Gerontopharmacology. Fr. Simard has published works on pastoral issues, including *AIDS: Ethical and Spiritual Considerations*.

**All are welcome to attend.**

**Reception to follow**

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