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MISSION

To promote and protect the dignity of the human person through interdisciplinary ethics research and education in health care and the life sciences.

Dear friends of the CCBI,

There is something quite comforting about the month of September, when routine again takes hold and many of us start planning our fall and winter schedules. The CCBI has developed an interesting roster of colloquia and lectures, and we invite as many of you as possible to attend.

Over the summer, the international AIDS conference was an important focal point for many. An ecumenical pre-conference was organized, and I was fortunate to moderate two interactive workshops presented by the Faith and Witness Commission of the Canadian Council of Churches.

I enjoyed meeting members of the commission, and was very impressed by the work being done in combating HIV/AIDS in Zambia, as related by two of the women speakers at our workshop, members of the United Church of Zambia.

On the home front, The Catholic Register and Salt and Light Television did a wonderful job in informing both the media and the general public about the ongoing work of the Catholic Church in helping HIV/AIDS victims. Brother David Lynch, BGS, official archdiocesan representative at the conference, will present his observations and recommendations from the sessions he attended at a CCBI gathering at the end of September.

On September 6, the Canadian Association of the Canadian Association of the Order of Malta and the St. Joseph Moscati Toronto Catholic Doctors' Guild

hosted a very pleasant Summer Social at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, in support of the CCBI. I would like to thank these organizations for all the efforts they make on our behalf, and congratulate them on the important projects they are undertaking both in Canada and abroad.

We are resuming our parish-based "For People in the Pews" lecture series to help Catholics increase their awareness and understanding of Church teaching regarding bioethics issues. We are looking forward to connecting with many different groups of parishioners through this venture. If you are interested in having the lecture series in your own parish, please give us a call.

Please support us with your prayers as we continue our work, work that we hope inspires Catholics and others to see that the dignity and integrity of every human person, made in God's image, must be upheld and promoted to the best of our ability.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us!
Moira.



September Summer Social on the RCYC Island Club
Standing: Dominic Quail, Roman Cieciewicz, Larry Nijmeh
Seating: Natalie Maggisano, Margaret Maggisano, Maria Kraw, Julia Cautadella.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2006 - JUNE 2007

For Professionals

Saturday Morning Colloquia at the University of St. Michael's College

Bioethicists, physicians, nurses, social workers, pastoral care workers, educators and other health care professionals are invited to attend.

2006

October 14 HIV/AIDS in Africa - *Michael Swan, Journalist, Catholic Register*

December 2 Finding Peace at the End of Life: A Catholic Perspective - *Rose Maggisano, CCBI*

2007

January 13 Issues in Mental Health - *Barry Brown, Professor Emeritus, Philosophy, USMC*

March 3 Issues in Mental Health – *Michelle Davis PhD candidate, CCBI*

Professional Discussion Groups at the University of St. Michael's College

Bioethicists are invited to attend half day discussion groups on important bioethical issues.

2006

September 22 HIV/AIDS - *Bro. David Lynch, Barrett House*

November 24 Organ Donation after Cardiac Death, *Hazel Markwell, Director, Centre for Clinical Ethics*

2007

February 2 Mental Health Issues - *William F. Sullivan, Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital*

April 13 Psycho-Pharmacology

Public Events

November 18, 2006, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Annual CCBI Lecture at the University of St. Michael's College

“Two-tier Health Care System in Canada”

The advantages and disadvantages of a two-tier health care system will be reviewed by John Kyle, an economist and Dr. Claudette Chase representing the Canadian Physicians for Medicare.

March 2, 2007, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cardinal Ambrozic Lecture in Bioethics at the University of St. Michael's College

“Issues in Mental Health”

*Barry Brown, Professor Emeritus, Philosophy
University of St. Michael's College*

“For People in the Pews” Lecture Series

A four-part introductory course on current bioethical issues from a Roman Catholic perspective from reproductive issues to end of life issues. If you wish to arrange a lecture series for your own parish please call Rose Maggisano (416-926-2340).

<u>2006</u>	September	Holy Angel Church, Toronto
	October	St. Joseph's Church, Bowmanville
	November	St. Clements Church, Toronto
<u>2007</u>	March	University of St. Michael's College

BIOETHICS CONFERENCE 2007

Wellness of Mind and Spirit: Bioethical Dimensions

St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
May 23 - 26, 2007

The CCBI Academic Advisory Council is pleased to announce the theme of the 2007 conference will be Bioethics and Mental Health. To complement the work accomplished at our 2006 conference, *True Compassion: End of Life Care for Body and Soul*, there will continue to be an emphasis on care of the elderly and the dying. However, concerns about mental health issues such as competence, autonomy, issues in pharmacology (overmedication, ethical questions about drug companies, allocation of resources), psychotherapy (psychosocial dimensions, regulatory questions), the

current understanding of “mental health”, and ethical questions surrounding the provision of care for all age groups are also being considered. Keynote speakers, and a complete programme will be available soon.

The Council will issue a call for workshop abstracts shortly. However, if you are interested in submitting a proposal now, please go to www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics (Conference 2007 abstracts) for details on the submission procedure. Registration forms will be available on-line or by contacting the CCBI.

For additional information on these programmes and future events, please check our website www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics, call 416-926-2335, or email bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca