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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.

### *Message from Dr. Moira McQueen, Executive Director*

Dear Friends of the CCBI,

This is my first opportunity on these pages to extend a warm welcome to Archbishop Thomas Collins, the new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and to promise him that we at the CCBI will do our utmost to help promote a sound Catholic perspective on bioethical issues. Archbishop Collins has been a strong supporter of the CCBI since its inception, and we look forward to working with him and benefiting from his wisdom.

At the same time, I want to express our gratitude to Cardinal Ambrozic for his foresight in instituting the CCBI and for his constant endeavours to ensure its continuing existence. As founder and as Chair of the Board of Directors, Cardinal Ambrozic provided, wise counsel at all times. I thank him for his trust in me, and in Dr. Bill Sullivan, the lay driving force behind the creation of the CCBI, and its first Executive Director. The staff of the CCBI thanks Cardinal Ambrozic for his diligent and encouraging oversight of our many activities, and for his strong emphasis on the dignity of every human person from the time of conception until natural death.



The CCBI made several presentations of "People in the Pews" this year, some during Lent. There is a certain

fittingness in discussing these issues, especially end of life issues, when we are reflecting on the Passion of Christ. Serious illness, suffering and palliative care, for example, take on a different meaning for us as we follow the Way of the Cross in our own lives, while also looking towards the Resurrection.

Bridget Campion and Leo Walsh have almost completed the editing of the CCBI's next book, on artificially supplied nutrition and hydration, and Danny Monsour has very capably organized and edited our forthcoming publication, "Ethics and the New Genetics", available soon from U of T Press.

We welcome back Mary Rowell, and congratulate her both on receiving her doctorate in 2006, and on being professed as a Sister of St. Joseph of Peterborough, in January 2007. Mary has written a Bioethics Update, "Redefining Bioethics for Today and Tomorrow", and she is keen to research the areas of global health from a social justice perspective, as well as some issues in mental health.

## CCBI Update

### Ethical Issues in Mental Health

Professor Emeritus Barry Brown presented our first “Lunchtime Lecture” on February 12, speaking on “Issues in Mental Health and Mental Illness”. It was well attended, and the student representation was encouraging. His presentation was the opening for our specific theme for 2007 which is “Ethical Issues in Mental Health.”

Professor Brown was also the guest speaker at the Third Annual Cardinal Ambrozic Lecture on March 2 where he continued the same theme. His presentation, “Falling through the Cracks” stressed his concern



that society fails those who meet minimal standards of capacity to manage their affairs, yet are seriously mentally ill, and may be slowly sliding down a slope toward a state in which they are vulnerable to serious bodily harm. Such individuals are often

homeless, living on the streets, finding it difficult to remain in safe living conditions. Yet if they are assessed as competent to give or withhold consent to treatment and to manage their living conditions, however marginally, and if they in fact refuse consent to treatment, there is little society can do to help them avoid the relentless slide into serious incapacity of caring for themselves. Professor Brown will elaborate on this presentation to a national audience of bioethicists and health care professionals at the upcoming CCBI conference being held in Halifax, May 2007.

### Interviews

Dr. Moira McQueen has been interviewed on radio, television and has consulted with journalist from medical journals and newspapers on bioethics issues:

- Salt and Light: Stem Cell Issues
- Omni Television Network, February 15, “HPV vaccines are not the answer”
- National Catholic Register “Prenatal screening”
- Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ) HPV vaccination
- CTS “On the Line”

Press Releases provided to local and national newspapers in response to current bioethical issues:

- AMNIOTIC FLUID STEM CELLS - A ‘WIN-WIN’ FOR ALL (January 8, 2007)
- HPV Vaccines are not the answer! (February 9, 2007)

### Bioethics: For the People in the Pews Parish Lecture Series

The mission of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute is to promote and protect the dignity of the human person through ethics research and education in health care and the life sciences. One of the goals of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute is to help Catholic lay people increase their awareness and understanding of church teachings regarding current bioethical issues.

For this purpose the CCBI has prepared a programme called “For People in the Pews” (FPIP), now in its second year. These sessions aim to inform parishioners about complex bioethical issues, and to encourage discussion and dialogue about Catholic teaching on bioethics topics such as reproductive technology, stem cell research, cloning, palliative care, advanced care planning, euthanasia and physician assisted suicide. The course consists of eight hours of lectures that can be divided up into 4 evenings of two hours each.

FPIP is now available to all parishes in the GTA and has been presented in other dioceses: Hamilton, Peterborough, Calgary, and Edmonton. If you would like the FPIP lecture series in your parish call us at 416-926-2335 or email [bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca](mailto:bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca).

### Farewell Jo-Anne



Jo-Anne Jackson-Thorne was administrator, maintained the website, and prepared all CCBI publications à propos newsletters, Bioethics matters, Updates and Responses. She prepared books for publication and organized all events, lectures, colloquiums and conferences. We will truly miss

Jo-Anne’s great sense of humour, positive attitude and mastery of the computer, her professionalism and motivating attitude. Jo-Anne, we wish you much happiness and success in your new position.



## CANADIAN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS INSTITUTE

Annual Bioethics Conference 2007

Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

May 23 - 26, 2007

*Wellness in Mind, Body and Spirit: Bioethical Dimensions*

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2007 CCBI conference, "Wellness in Mind, Body and Spirit: Bioethical Dimensions" being held at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Topics presented will address mental health issues by looking at bioethical, physical, theological and spiritual dimensions from a Catholic perspective. The program features an outstanding series of lectures followed by small group discussions. Concurrent workshops focusing on other important issues of mental health will also be presented. If you are interested in attending, please complete the registration form on page 4 and return with your registration fee as directed. For further information, please visit our website [www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics](http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics)

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Health Care professionals (including physicians, nurses, psychologists, psychotherapists, social workers, counsellors and others working with mental health patients)
- Clergy, Pastoral Care workers, Lawyers

### CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Five bioethics topics presented in a plenary format
- In-depth small group discussions and reports
- Keynote Speaker at Conference Banquet
- Concurrent workshops (participants attend two)

### CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To explore the meaning of suffering and dignity for those with mental health issues and their families;
- To raise deeper questions concerning important ethical, theological and spiritual dimensions;
- To provide updates on topics relevant to professionals working with persons with mental health concerns;
- To offer bioethics topics aimed at enhancing knowledge;
- To provide a forum for interaction and sharing of ideas with colleagues.

### Concurrent Workshops on Friday, March 25

- Bringing BioEthics to Mental Health  
- *Connie E. Mahoney*
- Ethical Perspectives on the Impact of Migration, Language and Culture in Accessing/Receiving/Refusing Care by Patients with Mental Illness in a Multicultural Society  
- *Fr. Joseph A. Chandrakanthan and Steve Abdool*
- Ethical Dilemmas in Geriatric Mental Health  
- *Mary Compton*
- Spiritual Health and Mental Health: A Christian Psychotherapeutic Approach to Mental Illness  
- *Dr. Kenneth Fung*

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Wednesday, May 23

Welcome Reception

#### Thursday, May 24

"Health Reform and Issues of Justice for Mental Health"

*Dr. Nuala Kenny*, Professor, Department of Bioethics, Dalhousie University, Halifax

"Falling through the Cracks: Some Flaws in Mental Health Policy"

*Dr. Barry Brown*, Bioethicist, CCBI Toronto and Chair, *ethica* Clinical Research Inc., Montreal

**EVENING EVENT: Mass** celebrated by the Archbishop of Halifax, His Grace Terrence Prendergast

#### Banquet Dinner and Keynote Presentation

"Broken of Mind but not Shattered of Spirit"

*Dr. Michael W. Higgins*, President and Vice-Chancellor, St. Thomas University, Fredericton

#### Friday, May 25

"Ethical Issues in Gerontopharmacology"

*Fr. Noël Simard*, D.Th., Professor of Bioethics and Director, Ethics Centre, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

#### Saturday, May 26

"Historical and ethical considerations of non-treatment and inappropriate treatment decisions regarding persons with a developmental disability (DD)"

*Dr. William F. Sullivan*, Family Physician, Department of Family and Community Medicine, St. Michael's Hospital and Surrey Place Centre, Toronto and Director, International Association of Catholic Bioethicists.

"So you want to see a Psychiatrist: Mental Health from a Psychiatrist's perspective"

*Dr. Edward Rzadki*, Past Chief, Department of Psychiatry, and Medical Director, Mental Health & Addictions Program, William Osler Health Centre, Toronto.

**CCBI Conference 2006 - Halifax**  
**“Wellness of Mind, Body and Spirit: Bioethical Dimensions**

**CONFERENCE LOCATION**

Saint Mary’s University is located in Halifax with easy access to the Downtown.

**REGISTRATION FEES (PER PERSON)**

**Full registration** includes participation in all sessions, printed materials, opening reception, breakfasts, lunches and refreshment breaks as outlined in program and

Thursday Banquet: \$275.

**Student fee** (inclusions as above): \$150.

**Day Registration** includes breakfast, lunch and breaks: \$ 80. per day

**Banquet** (Thursday May 24) for day registrants and all guests: \$ 60.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Cancellation received prior to April 15, 2007 will be refunded less \$50 cancellation fee. All requests for cancellation must be received in writing. There is no refund if cancellation is received within 30 days of the conference.

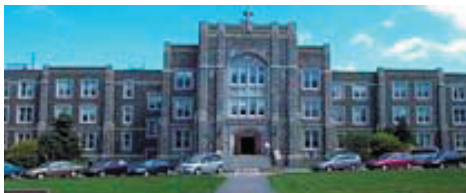
**ACCOMMODATION - ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY**

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees at Saint Mary’s University. Please book by April 23 as rooms are on a space available basis after this date. A credit card is required to reserve a room. The cancellation policy requires 24 hours advance notice or one night’s accommodation is applied to your credit card. Payment is required upon arrival by cash, direct debit, traveler’s cheques, AMEX, Visa or Mastercard. Accommodation requests should be made directly through Saint Mary’s University, Conference Services Department (toll free: 1-888-347-5555; fax 902-496-8118, or email stay@smu.ca). Do not send credit card details over email. Accommodation descriptions can be found at www.smu.ca/conferences.

**RATES** (includes applicable taxes) per night, parking and breakfast:

- Travel Suite** (single room with private bath) \$ 71.11
- Single** (single room with shared bath) \$ 45.52
- Two Bedroom Apartments** (up to 4 persons, private bathrooms) are also available upon request.

**Note:** Travel Suite private bathrooms are located in a shared hallway.



*St. Mary’s University, Halifax*

**CCBI Conference “Wellness in Mind, Body and Spirit: Bioethical Dimensions”**  
**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:** \_\_\_\_\_ Full Registration \_\_ or Student Fee \_\_ or Day Registration \_\_  
(Please specify dates: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Guest(s) at Banquet (Thursday May 24):

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your cheque for registration and additional meals payable to:

**Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute**

and send to Conference 2007, CCBI, 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto, ON M5S 1J4