

Medicine, Bioethics & Spirituality Conference

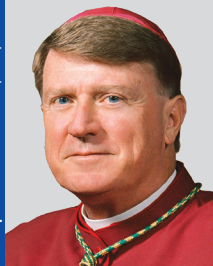
AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY, STOCKBRIDGE, MA

Wednesday - Friday
June 4-6, 2025

sponsored by:
Healthcare Professionals
for Divine Mercy

SPEAKERS

Bishop Robert McManus, DD, STD



Very Rev. Chris Alar, MIC



Bryan Thatcher, MD



Kathleen B. Scoble, EdD, MEd, MA, RN



Christopher Klofft, STD



Marie Romagnano, MSN, RN, CCM



Most Rev. Joseph Roesch, MIC



Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC



Ronald M. Sobecks, MD



Sr. Caterina Esselen, OLM



Andrea Bertheaud, MSN, RN-BC



Deana Nunes, EdD, MSN, RN, CWCN



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 4, 2025

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

7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration at St. Faustina Center (Continental breakfast).

9:00-10:00 Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.

10:15-10:30 Welcome and Opening Prayer at St. Faustina's Center.

10:30-11:15 Bryan Thatcher, MD, Intl. Director, Doctors for Divine Mercy; Founder, Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy. *Human Trafficking and Healthcare: Incidence, Identification and Action.*

11:15-12:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** 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. *The Concept of Dignity in Patient Care.*

12:00-1:00 Lunch.

1:00-1:30 Very Rev. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province, National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, Massachusetts. *Insights Gained from Adult Children Caring for Elderly Parents: Healthcare and Pastoral Care Considerations.*

1:30-2:15 Deana Nunes, EdD, MSN, RN, CWCN, Assistant Professor at Elms College *Strengthening Resilience with a Focus on Joy.*

2:15-3:00 Christopher Klofft, S.T.D., Associate Professor of Theology, Assumption University. *Enhancing the Dignity of Patients in an Era of Medical Technologies*

3:00-3:15 **Hour of Great Mercy: Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers.**

3:15-4:00 Ronald Sobecks, MD, Professor, Dept. of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Taussig Cancer Institute, Cleveland Clinic. *Restoration of Health in Oncology.*

4:00-5:00 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. *Living With Post Catastrophic Injuries: Patient Case Study – Impact of Medical and Spiritual Care.*

5:00-5:45 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. *The Role of Sacraments in Healing and End-of-Life Care: Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick.*

Information and to register:

TheDivineMercy.org/healthcare/conference or call 1-800-462-7426

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Registration at St. Faustina Center (Continental breakfast).	2:30-3:15	Christopher Klofft, S.T.D, Associate Professor of Theology, Assumption University. <i>Emergent Medical Technologies and Their Effects on the Relationships Between Healthcare Professionals and Patients.</i>
9:00-10:00	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.	3:15-3:45	Hour of Great Mercy: Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers
10:15-10:30	Welcome and Opening Prayer at St. Faustina's Center.	3:45-4:30	Sr. Catarina Esselin, OLM <i>The Open Heart of God — Source of Blessing, Hope and Healing for Patients and Healthcare Professionals</i>
10:30-11:15	Ronald Sobceks, MD, Professor, Dept. of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Taussig Cancer Institute, Cleveland Clinic. <i>Discernment and Formative Processes to Enhance Healthcare Outcomes.</i>	4:30-5:15	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>Despair vs Hope and Confidence: Emotions that Impede or Enhance the Healing Process and Patient Well-Being</i>
11:15-12:00 p.m.	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Lia Beltrami, Director and Producer <i>Green Lava</i> <i>Case Study of GIACOMO MATTIVI: Living with Muscular Dystrophy</i>	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. Kathleen Brooks Scoble, EdD, MEd, MA, RN, Dean Emeritus, College of Our Lady of the Elms School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing. <i>Growing Incidence of Medical/Chemical Abortion: Challenges Facing Health Professionals and Pastoral Care.</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch.		
1:00-1:45	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>Understanding and Enhancing Therapeutic Communication Among Healthcare Professionals</i>		
1:45-2:30	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>The Infinite Dignity of Every Human Being.</i>		

DAY 3 • FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 \$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

IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL

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)*[™]. 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)*[™] 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.

Nurse Practitioner: 6 CEUs per day.

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Nurse practitioners may receive up to 12 credits for completing this activity.

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 Association of Catholic Chaplains CEUs is pending.

CEU INFORMATION AND COMPLETE OBJECTIVES: TheDivineMercy.org/Bioethics

1. Describe the elements of the Divine Mercy Message and devotion and its impact on the care of seriously ill and 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.

In-Person or Virtual**CEUS, CMES & MORE**

Registration includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch daily

Registered Nurses

2 days: \$250 • 1 day: \$125

Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner

2 days: \$350 • 1 day: \$175

Social Workers, Pastoral Care & Other Healthcare Professionals

2 days: \$250 • 1 day: \$125

RETREAT \$75 half day includes Lunch

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

International Healthcare Professionals: \$55/day with letter of Attendance

Scholarship Request: email PMarkavage@Marian.org

No other discounts are available.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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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.