

15th ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY

May 7 & 8, 2019

# Medicine, Bioethics & Spirituality Conference

SPECIAL GUEST FROM LONDON, ENGLAND

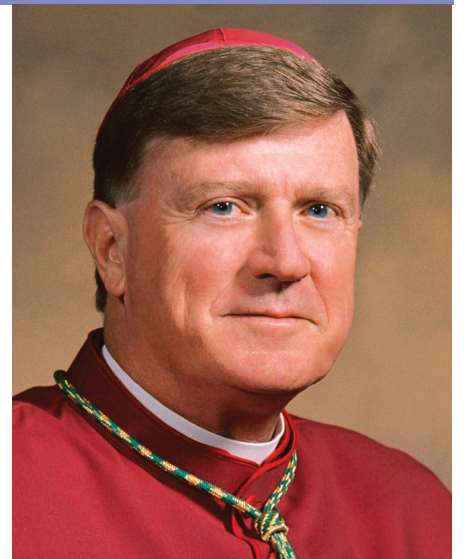
College of the Holy Cross,  
Worcester, Massachusetts

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Healthcare Professionals  
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Dr. Gosia  
Brykczynska, PhD, RN

Biographer of  
Blessed Hanna  
Chrzanowska, RN



Bishop Robert McManus, STD  
Diocese of Worcester, MA

## OTHER DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS



Iris Mamier, PhD, MSN, RN



Bryan Thatcher, MD



Christopher Klofft, STD



Sophia Romagnano-Culbertson, BSN, RN



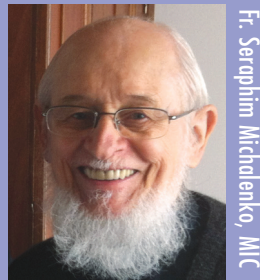
Robert Stackpole, STD



Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC



Ronald M. Sobechs, MD



Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC



Br. Michael Duffy, DNP, APRN



Fr. Chris Alar, MIC



Marie Romagnano, BSN, RN

Information and to register:  
[TheDivineMercy.org/Worcester](http://TheDivineMercy.org/Worcester)  
or call 1-800-462-7426

### CEUs & CMEs

Nurses: 18.6  
Social Workers: 15.5  
Pastoral Care: 15.5

The University of Massachusetts Medical School designates this live activity for a maximum of 15.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## TUESDAY MAY 7, 2019

- 7-7:30 a.m. Registration
- 7:30-8:15 Mass at St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross.  
Most Rev. Bishop Robert McManus, MA, STD, Main Celebrant
- 8:25-8:30 Opening Prayer and Welcome
- 8:30-9 Bryan Thatcher, MD, Intl. Director, Doctors for Divine Mercy; Founder, Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy.  
*Patient Healing through the Message of Divine Mercy*
- 9:00-9:45 Christopher Klofft, STD, Associate Professor, Assumption College.  
*The Basics of Christian Anthropology Regarding Gender Identity*
- 9:45-10:30 Iris Mamier, PhD, MSN, RN, Associate Professor Loma Linda University | School of Nursing. *Spiritual Care from a Faith-Based Nursing Perspective: Who, What, When, How?*
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:25 Ron Sobechs, MD, Taussig Cancer Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Department of Hematologic Oncology and Blood Disorder.  
*An Approach to End of Life Care*
- 11:25-12:10 p.m. Robert Stackpole, STD, Director, John Paul II Institute  
*Divine Mercy Catholicism and the Scientific Research on Homosexuality*

- 12:10-1 p.m. Buffet Lunch
- 1:00-1:30 Sophia Romagnano-Culbertson, BSN, RN, Peds ICU, Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC). *Transitioning of Goals in the PICU: Facing Life and Death*
- 1:30-2:15 **Most Rev. Bishop Robert McManus, MA, STD**  
*Transgenderism: The Multifaceted Challenges to the Moral Teachings of the Church*, followed by Panel Discussion of Speakers
- 2:15-3 Break-Hour of Great Mercy-Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- 3:00-3:15
- 3:15-4:00 **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gosia Brykczynska, RN, OCV**  
*Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN: Her Life as a Nurse and Times*
- 4:00-4:30 **Father Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, PhD, STL, SEOL**  
*How to Appropriately the Healing Merits of Jesus for Patients: Praise and Thanksgiving*
- 4:30-5:15 Marie Romagnano, RN, BSN, CRC, CCM; Founder, Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy. *Living With the Nightmare of a Rare Disease: Case Study Giant Cell Arteritis*
- 5:15-5:45 Very Rev. Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, BA, STB, STL (Cand.), Provincial Superior, Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. *Disposition of Gratitude and its Affects on Healthcare Professionals and Patient care*



## WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2019

- 7-7:30 a.m. Registration  
7:30-8:15 Mass at St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross  
8:25-8:30 Opening Prayer and Welcome  
8:30-9:00 Ron Sobeks, MD *Conflicts of Interest in Healthcare*  
9:00-9:30 Bryan Thatcher, MD. *Having a Good Role Model: Contrast of Dr. Jerome Lejeune and Margaret Sanger*  
9:30-10:15 **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gosia Brykczynska, RN, OCV**  
*Blessed Hanna: Her Vocation, Spirituality, and Message For Healthcare Workers Today*  
10:15-10:30 Break  
10:30-11:15 Christopher Klofft, STD  
*Re-Thinking Sexual Orientation*  
11:15-12:15 p.m. Father Christopher Alar, MIC, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. *Care of the Sick: The Loving Example of St. Damien of Moloki and St. Maryanne Cope*  
12:15-1 p.m. Buffet Lunch



- 1:00-1:45 Iris Mamier, PhD, MSN, RN *Nurses' Responses to Patient Prayer Requests: Insights Gained From Christian Nurses*  
1:45-2:30 Brother Michael T Duffy, OFMConv., DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, Associate Dean, Our Lady of the Elms College of Nursing. *Nightingale's Pillars and Jamaica 2018*  
2:30-3:15 Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, PhD, STL, SEOL, Theologian, Author, former Vice-Postulator for Cause of St. Faustina. *Living in the Rays of Mercy for Healthcare Professionals & Patients*  
3:15-3:30 Break: Hour of Great Mercy-The Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:30-4:15 Very Rev. Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, BA, STB, STL (Cand.), Provincial Superior, Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. *Blessed Hanna's Examination of Conscience, its Importance for Healthcare Professionals and Patients*  
4:15-5 Marie Romagnano, RN, BSN, CRC, CCM; Founder, Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy. *Spiritual Assessment of the Sick, Injured, and Dying*

### CONFERENCE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

#### Physician and Physician Assistant - 15.5 CMEs

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) and Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy. The University of Massachusetts Medical School is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The UMMS designates this live activity for a maximum of 15.5 AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s)™ Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

#### Nursing - 18.6 CEUs

This offering meets the requirements for 18.6 contact hours for nurses as specified by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (244-CMR 5.04). Each nurse should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. 8 CEUs with book: *Nursing With the Hands of Jesus: A Guide to Nurses for Divine Mercy*— order from Marians 413-298-1399.

#### Social Work & National Association of Catholic Chaplains-15.5 CEUs

NASW Social Worker & National Assn of Catholic Chaplains CEUs available. Application for social work continuing education credits has been submitted. Please contact us for the status of social work CE accreditation.

### GOALS ASSESSMENT:

As a result of attending this educational activity, each participant will be able to identify the elements of bioethical principles and apply them to patient care. Participants will not only enhance their own knowledge of bioethics, but also offer patients and their families comprehensive bioethical information. This information will facilitate in making difficult or major life-changing decisions, thus, offering peace of mind to the physician, patient, and family alike.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify specific medical situations and assess them in the light of bioethical principles.
2. Be able to convey to patients and their families bioethical guidelines surrounding end of life issues such as: withdrawal of medical care, food, nutrition and hydration, artificial ventilation.
3. Deepen the understanding of the role that spirituality plays in the well-being of the medical professional as well as its healing effect on the patient. Recommended readings for conference preparation:  
1. Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Services <http://www.usccb.org>. Catechism of the Catholic Church: 1950-1986.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION: 1-800-462-7426

Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioner CEUs:

2 days: \$275 18.6 CEUs

1 day: \$175 May 7th: 9.90 CEUs, May 8th: 8.70 CEUs

Physician and Physician Assistant CMEs:

2 days: \$375, 15.5 CMEs, 1 day: \$225 May 7th: 8.25 CMEs, May 8th: 7.25 CMEs

Social Workers, Pastoral Care & Non-Physician Healthcare Professionals  
May 7th: 8.25 CEUs and May 8th 7.25 CEUs 1 day rate: \$175.00  
2 days: \$275.00 • 15.5 CEUs

ALL STUDENTS: \$85 per Day = fax valid student ID to 413-298-3583

CONFERENCE HOTEL: Comfort Inn Auburn-Worcester

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### TARGET AUDIENCE:

All healthcare professionals are invited. Target audience includes: nurses, physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers, pastoral care, hospital chaplains and other clergy. Other allied healthcare workers, educators and all those who care for the sick and injured are invited.

### FACULTY DISCLOSURE:

It is the policy of the University of Massachusetts Medical School to ensure fair balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all activities. All faculty participating in CME activities sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Medical School are required to present evidence-based data, identify and reference off-label product use and disclose all relevant financial relationships with those supporting the activity or others whose products or services are discussed. Faculty disclosure will be provided in the activity materials.

### CONFERENCE LOCATION:

College of the Holy Cross, Hogan Campus Center, 1 College St, Worcester, MA 01610 (508) 793-2011

### DIRECTIONS:

<http://www.holycross.edu/directions/hogan.html> Park on campus behind the Henry Hogan Campus Center at Holy Cross. Walk to St. Joseph's Chapel behind the Henry Hogan Campus Center for Holy Mass.