



**“Charity in Truth”**

***Where NURSING, MINISTRY and CATHOLIC MISSION meet...***

***2018 National Conference***

***Responding to Healthcare Challenges Influencing Catholic Nursing Practice***

***August 2-3, 2018***

***Menger Hotel San Antonio, Texas***

### **NACN-USA Mission**

The National Association of Catholic Nursing-USA gives nurses of different backgrounds, but with the same Roman Catholic values, the opportunity to promote moral principles within the Catholic context in nursing and stimulate desire for professional development. This approach to Roman Catholic doctrine focuses on:

- \*educational programs
- \*spiritual nourishment
- \*patient advocacy
- \*integration of faith and health

As we continue to share our faith and values with each other and other healthcare providers, we simultaneously reach outward to the larger Church and our communities, as we offer support to those in need.

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### **Conference Description**

Today strong legal, ethical, financial, educational, and scientific forces are challenging our Catholic-formed consciences and nursing job practices. Secular and Catholic healthcare workplaces and educational institutions face discussions and decisions important to the blending of healthcare and religion. These discussions are unfamiliar to some, uncomfortable for many, ignored by others, and often only tacitly addressed in institutional documents guiding philosophy of care, delivery of healthcare practices, and appropriate educational preparation and certification for all healthcare providers. This situation presents dangerous crossroads for Catholic nurses. Our faith beliefs, values, and actions must guide and be aligned with our professional practice of nursing that is also defined by state mandates and institutional guidelines.

This conference is designed to provide participants with a variety of presentations and conversations that provoke “food for thought” and action. Topics of fighting hunger, human trafficking, emergency shelter management issues, and cultural immersion are a few of the areas that will be addressed. Participants should also leave with a renewed and shared sense of joy and power that we, as nurses and others hold dear in our practices as Catholic healthcare providers.

### **Conference Learner Outcomes**

- 1) Learners will self-report the ability to open discussions across familiar and unfamiliar areas of healthcare practice that challenge the implementation of their Catholic faith.
- 2) Learners will self-report strategies nurses and other healthcare providers can employ in professional clinical practice that aligns with the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith.
- 3) Learners will self-report an increase in their ability to recognize opportunities to advocate for the health and well-being of self and others in ways that integrate their Catholic faith with desired health outcomes.

All proceeds raised from your support or sponsorship of this conference will benefit the organization in providing educational programs and scholarships to members of the National Association of Catholic Nurses-USA. No goods or services are provided or promised to you in exchange for your support. Your donation is a charitable tax deduction under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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