



Nov 15th, 2014 . St. Francis University . Loretto, PA

Conference Schedule

- 8:00-8:40 - Registration
- 8:40-8:50 - Intro/Prayer
- 8:50-9:50 - Julie Grimstad, LPN, Medical Futility and Patient Advocacy
- 9:50-10:35 - Cristen M Krebs, DNP, ANP-BC, Hospice in the 21st Century: A Life Affirming Model
- 10:35-10:45 - Break
- 10:45-11:30 - Loren Kirchner, MD, MS, FACP, Medical Oaths in the Present Day
- 11:30-12:45 - Lunch
- 12:45-1:45 - Keynote Speaker: Marie Hilliard, MS (Nursing) JCL, PhD, R.N, POLST and basic principles of Catholic Medical Ethics
- 1:45-2:30 - David Mills, "My Father's Good Death"
- 2:30-3:15 - Ralph A. Capone MD, FACP, Patient Virtue and Healthcare Decision-Making
- 3:15-3:30 - Break
- 3:30-4:30 - Panel Discussion/ Q&A (Julie Grimstad, Moderator)

Lunch available in the Torvian Dining Hall building #47, for \$8.75

LOCATION:

Saint Francis University
117 Evergreen Drive
P.O. Box 600
Loretto, PA 15940
814.472.3000

COST: \$30 - SFU Students attend FREE.

Register online at:

www.imposeddeath.org
or call 651-484-1040



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Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cresson PA

The main campus entrance is at #1 on the campus map. The conference will be held on the first (top) floor of the JFK student building, #17 on the campus map. Parking is in lot #6. For driving directions, please visit online: <http://francis.edu/maps-and-directions/>

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Defending Life at Risk in a Throwaway Culture



Marie T. Hilliard, JCL, PhD, RN, Director of Bioethics & Public Policy of The National Catholic Bioethics Center.

Dr. Hilliard holds graduate degrees in Maternal-Child Health Nursing, Religious Studies, Canon Law, and a Ph.D. in Professional Higher Education

Administration, as well as a doctorate in Christian Ethics *honoris causa* from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. She serves as a resource for the United States Bishops on the implementation of the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*.



Ralph A. Capone, M.D., F.A.C.P. is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, with over 30 years of clinical experience and an abiding interest in American bioethics, its impact on the medical profession and on society. His past experience includes: ethics consultant at two Catholic hospitals, executive experience

as the Medical Director of Jeannette Hospital, and Chief Quality Officer and Chief Medical Officer at Excelsa Health. Dr. Capone developed and taught a course in clinical ethics and he was medical director for a non-profit hospice. Presently he works part-time in palliative care as the medical director of the palliative care consult service at UPMC-McKeesport, teaches Catholic Bioethics at St Vincent College in Latrobe, PA and has published in bioethics. He is on the board of The Pro-life Healthcare Alliance and is a published writer.



Cristen M. Krebs, DNP, ANP-BC, Catholic Hospice Founder / Executive Director, is a graduate of Robert Morris University's Doctor of Nursing Practice Program with twenty years of end-of-life care experience. In 1997, Dr. Krebs began the first faith-based, nonprofit hospice program serving Pittsburgh and surrounding counties.

In May 2007, she incorporated Catholic Hospice, the only pro-life, non-profit hospice in Pittsburgh.



David Mills has edited both *Touchstone* and *First Things* magazines, is the author of *Discovering Mary* and the "Catholic Sense" column published in diocesan newspapers. He, his wife, and their four children were received into the Catholic Church in 2001.



Julie Grimstad, LPN, founder and executive director of Life is Worth Living, Inc., past chair of the Pro-life Healthcare Alliance, a committee of Human Life Alliance (HLA), and on the HLA board of advisors.

Julie addresses all aspects of medical decision-making and patient advocacy. She has served as a volunteer patient advocate for 28 years.

Julie was director of the Center for the Rights of the Terminally Ill for 18 years. Julie edits and is a contributing writer to *Imposed Death: Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*, and *Informed, A Guide for Critical Medical Decisions*, both Human Life Alliance educational supplements available at www.humanlife.org

Julie resides in Bedford, TX with her husband, William, and is the mother of five living children and two in heaven, grandmother of nine and great grandmother of two.



Loren Kirchner, MD, completed his MD at Northeast Ohio Medical University and residency at the Canton Medical Education Foundation in Internal Medicine. Dr. Kirchner is an internist at the Cleveland Clinic and also serves in the US Army. He has been deployed four times during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). Dr. Kirchner's interests include euthanasia, end-of-life concerns in the current cultural climate, and the value of medical oaths.

