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# Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 8, 2014

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Please make check payable to:
Office of Pro-Life and Family Life

Please return payment and completed registration to:

Office of Pro-Life and Family Life c/o Conference Registration 1400 N. Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46202

CEU's will be available at the door for an additional \$10.00.

For more information, please contact: Joan LeBeau, RN FCN jlebeau@archindy.org, 317-236-1475

#### **Conference Overview**

Being sick means being vulnerable. This vulnerability makes complex medical care decisions even more difficult. In addition, understanding and navigating the healthcare system can be very challenging.

This conference will help caregivers and potential caregivers understand many of the factors that influence medical decision making to help them clarify "Who Decides?".

#### **Conference Theme**

You Will Lead Me By The Right Road

The theme is taken from a prayer of Fr. Thomas Merton:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

-Thoughts in Solitude

## You Will Lead Me By The Right Road



### Decision Making in Healthcare

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#### Office of Pro-Life and Family Life Health Ministry

In cooperation with St. Vincent Hospice

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center Assembly Hall 1400 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46202

> October 17, 2014 9:00am - 4:00pm Registration begins at 8:30am \$30.00 - Lunch Included

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#### **Conference Schedule**

Mass will be offered at 8:00am, prior to the conference for anyone who wishes to attend.

It will be held in the St. Alphonsus Liguori Chapel at the Catholic Center, Second Floor, Room 207.

8:30am Registration

**9:00am** Opening Remarks

9:15am Legal Terms Explained

Ken Bennett, JD, NCG

10:00am Break

10:15am Cultural and Hospital

Influences on Decision Making

(Panel Discussion)

**11:45am** Lunch

12:45pm Family Dynamics and

**Decision Making** 

Rev. Glenn O'Connor

1:30pm How to Utilize Ethics

to Facilitate Decision Making within the

**Hospital System** 

Elliott Bedford, MA, PhD

2:15pm Break

2:30pm Who Decides?

Most Rev. Timothy L. Doherty, STL, PhD

**3:30pm** Closing Remarks

#### **Presenters:**

#### Most Rev. Timothy L. Doherty, STL, PhD

Bishop Timothy L. Doherty was named the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana on May 12, 2010, and ordained and installed on July 15, 2010, at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette.

Bishop Doherty is a native of Rockford, IL. He was born to Lawrence and June Doherty and is the eldest of seven. He has four sisters and two brothers. He graduated high school from St. Mary Minor Seminary in Crystal Lake, IL. He received a bachelor of arts degree from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, in 1972. He earned a baccalaureate in theology in 1975 at the Pontifical Gregorian University during his seminary formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill for the Diocese of Rockford at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Crystal Lake on June 26, 1976. He completed his license (STL) in moral theology in 1982 at the Alfonsian Academy of the Lateran University in Rome. In 1996, he completed his doctorate in Christian ethics (PhD) at Loyola University Chicago. His first priestly assignment was as an associate at St. Peter Cathedral in Rockford until 1981. In 1995, Bishop Thomas G. Doran appointed him the diocesan ethicist for health care issues, a role that continued into 2010.

He was also a diocesan priest representative to the Catholic Conference of Illinois, a board member of the Illinois Catholic Health Association and president of the national Conference of Diocesan Coordinators of Health Affairs (no longer extant). Until 2010, he participated in the Archdiocese of Chicago bioethics subcommittee and the system ethics committee of OSF Healthcare in Peoria.

Bishop Doherty is a member of the Healthcare subcommittee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). He is a consultant to the USCCB Committee on Doctrine, and the USCCB episcopal liaison to the Catholic Health Association of the United States (2012-present), and also to the National Catholic Council on Addictions (2012-present). He is an *ex* officio board member of the Indiana Catholic Conference.

#### **Presenters:**

#### Elliott Bedford, MA, PhD

Elliott Bedford, MA, PhD serves as System Director, Ethics Integration at St. Vincent. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in philosophy from Franciscan University of Steubenville, a master's degree in theology from Aquinas Institute of Theology, and a doctorate in Health Care Ethics in the Catholic Tradition from St. Louis University.

#### Ken Bennett, JD, NCG

Ken Bennett is a 1979 graduate of Wabash College and a 1982 graduate of Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis. He has been a member of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, including its Nursing Home Litigation Group. He is also a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, including its Elder Law Section, and a long-time member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). Ken has served as the Editor of the NAELA Quarterly, which is the legal journal of that organization.

Ken's practice focuses on guardianships and consumer health issues, including the civil prosecution of nursing home abuse and neglect. Before starting his solo practice he was a partner in the elder law firm of Severns & Bennett, serving as its President and CEO. He remains "Of Counsel" to what's now known as Severns Associates.

#### Rev. Glenn O'Connor

Fr. Glenn was ordained in 1980 and has spent all of his priesthood in parishes in Connersville and Indianapolis. He is also involved in the Cursillo movement, the Indy Car Ministry, Chaplain at Indianapolis International Airport and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and has been privileged to be co-founder of Seeds of Hope, Inc., a transitional recovery home for chemically dependent women.

He enjoys fishing, hunting, skiing (water and snow) and sports in general, particularly the Colts, Pacers and Indy Car Racing.

He is currently Pastor of St. Susanna parish in Plainfield, Indiana. He is the oldest of 8 children and has 34 nieces and nephews.