



*A Major Conference on Bioethics, Infertility and Parish
Respect Life Ministry, focusing on*



Dignitas Personae

The new Vatican Instruction from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

March 28, 2009 - 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Marriott O'Hare - 8535 West Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631



“Naprotechnology: Healing Infertility God’s Way”

An Effective, Holistic Approach to Achieving Pregnancy

Dr. Thomas Hilgers

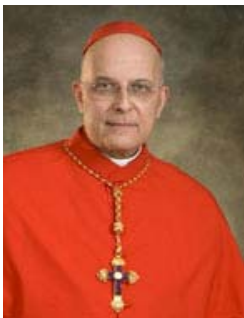
Dr. Hilgers is a clinical professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Creighton University School of Medicine and founder of the Pope Paul VI Institute. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Board of Laser Surgery, and he is the only member in the State of Nebraska of the prestigious Society of Reproductive Surgeons. He has trained more than 300 doctors internationally on assisting infertile couples through Naprotechnology, which has a greater rate of success than artificial reproductive technologies.



“Beginning of Life Issues: In Vitro Fertilization and Assisted Reproductive Technologies”

Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

Father Tad Pacholczyk, Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, is the author of the column “Making Sense out of Bioethics” which appears in various diocesan newspapers across the country. After earning a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Yale University, Fr. Tad did post-doctoral research at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. He subsequently studied in Rome where he did advanced studies in theology and in bioethics. Fr. Tad’s insightful and witty presentations “cut through the spin” of media coverage on bioethics. He has appeared on numerous television and radio programs internationally, including CNN, PBS, the BBC, FoxNews, and has testified before numerous state legislatures.



***Special Guest...His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.,
will present on “The Dignity of the Human Person.”***

This event is open to all who desire a deeper knowledge of Respect Life and Bioethics Issues, including medical professionals, Respect Life Coordinators and Committee Members, and couples facing infertility. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago’s Respect Life Office and the Office for Evangelization and Relevant Radio.

*For more information or to register please contact the
Respect Life Office at 312-534-5355.*





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Tentative Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Check-In and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome – Mary-Louise Kurey, Director, Respect Life Office
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation I—“*Naprotechnology: Healing Infertility God’s Way*”
Dr. Thomas Hilgers, Developer of the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation II—“*The Dignity of the Human Person*”
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – sit with people of your choice for fellowship and exchange of ideas
- 12:45 p.m. **Breakout Time: Discuss Collaboration With Folks From Your Area**
Facilitated by the Staff of the Respect Life Office
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation III—“*Illinois Public Policy and the Gospel of Life*”
Robert Gilligan, Executive Director, Catholic Conference of Illinois
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation IV—“*Artificial Reproductive Technologies and the Gift of Human Life*”
Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Director of Education, National Catholic Bioethics Center
- 3:20 p.m. Wrap-up, Adjourn – Mary-Louise Kurey

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For registration or further information, contact the Archdiocese of Chicago Respect Life Office at 312.534.5355. Please R.S.V.P. by March 23, 2009.

Please complete this form and return with your registration fee. Checks may be made payable to the “Respect Life Office.” The bottom of this form and your payment may be mailed to The Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, 3525 S. Lake Park Ave., Chicago, IL. 60653. Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis. For more information, call (312) 534-5355.

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