

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Planning Committee, I wish to invite you to join us in Halifax for what promises to be an outstanding series of lectures and workshops that will focus on the important issues of mental health.

Statistics regarding mental health show that one in five people in Canada suffers from some type of mental health problem. Our sessions will address some of these areas by looking at their various bioethical, physical, theological and spiritual dimensions, in keeping with our theme of “Mind, Body and Spirit.”

Registration is open to all bioethicists, health care providers, clergy, lawyers and other professionals involved in the care of persons with mental health issues.

Social events have been planned to allow time to relax with friends and colleagues from across Canada.

Looking forward to seeing you in Halifax.
Sincerely,
Moira McQueen, CCBI Director

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Moira McQueen, LL.B., M.Div., Ph.D.

Barry Brown, Ph.D., Philosopher, Toronto
Bridget Campion, Ph.D., Theologian, Toronto
Eoin Connolly, MA, Bioethicist, Toronto
Rory Fisher, MB, FRCPC, Geriatrician, Toronto
Nuala Kenny, MD, FRCPC, Bioethicist, Halifax
Jaro Kotalik, MD, FRCPC, Oncologist, Thunder Bay
Hazel Markwell, Ph.D., Bioethicist, Toronto
Russ Sawa, MD, FCFP, Family Physician, Calgary
Fr. Noël Simard, D.Th., Theologian, Ottawa
Fr. Leo Walsh, CSB, STD, Theologian, Windsor

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Health Care professionals (including physicians, nurses, psychologists, psychotherapists, social workers, counsellors and others working with mental health patients)
- Clergy, Pastoral Care workers, Lawyers

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Five bioethics topics presented in a plenary format
- In-depth small group discussions and reports
- Keynote Speaker at Conference Banquet
- Concurrent workshops (participants attend two)

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To explore the meaning of suffering and dignity for those with mental health issues and their families;
- To raise deeper questions concerning important ethical, theological and spiritual dimensions;
- To provide updates on topics relevant to professionals working with persons with mental health concerns;
- To offer bioethics topics aimed at enhancing knowledge; and
- To provide a forum for interaction and sharing of ideas with colleagues.

FACULTY

Barry Brown, Ph.D., Bioethicist, CCBI, Toronto and Chair, *ethica* Clinical Research Inc., Montreal

Michael W. Higgins, Ph.D., President and Vice-Chancellor, St. Thomas University, Fredericton

Nuala Kenny, OC, MD, FRCPC(C), Professor, Department of Bioethics, Dalhousie University, Halifax

Edward J. Rzdcki, MD, FRCPC(C), Past Chief, Department of Psychiatry, Medical Director, Mental Health & Addictions Program, William Osler Health Centre, Toronto

Fr. Noël Simard, D.Th., Professor of Bioethics and Director, Ethics Centre, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

William F. Sullivan, MD, CCFP, PhD., Family Physician, Department of Family and Community Medicine, St. Michael's Hospital and Surrey Place Centre, Toronto and Director, International Association of Catholic Bioethicists

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007

1700 onwards Registration
1800 - 2000 Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007

0800 Morning Prayer
0830 *Registration & Breakfast*
0920 Opening Remarks - **Moira McQueen**

Health Reform and Issues of Justice in Mental Health

0930 Plenary Session - **Nuala Kenny**
1030 *Refreshment Break*
1100 Small Group Discussions
1200 *Lunch*
1300 Reports on morning session

Falling through the Cracks: Some Flaws in Mental Health Policy

1330 Plenary Session - **Barry Brown**
1430 Small Group Discussions
1530 *Refreshment Break*
1600 Reports on afternoon session (ends at 1630)

1730 Mass will be celebrated by **His Grace Archbishop Terrence Prendergast** of Halifax

1830 **Banquet Dinner. Keynote lecture by Dr. Michael W. Higgins,**

“Broken of Mind but not Shattered of Spirit”

FOR UPDATED INFORMATION CONTACT:
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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2007

0800 Morning Prayer
0830 *Registration & Breakfast*
0920 Opening Remarks

Ethical Issues in Gerontopharmacology

0930 Plenary Session - **Fr. Noël Simard**
1030 *Refreshment Break*
1100 Small Group Discussions
1200 Reports on morning session
1230 *Lunch*

Concurrent Workshops

1330 **Concurrent Workshops**
1500 *Refreshment Break*
1515 **Concurrent Workshops**

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2007

0800 *Registration & Breakfast*
0830 Morning Prayer
0920 Opening Remarks

Treatment Decisions for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

0930 Plenary Session
- **William F. Sullivan**

1030 *Refreshment Break*
1100 Small Group Discussions
1200 *Lunch*
1300 Reports on morning session

So You Want to See a Psychiatrist: Mental Health from a Psychiatrist's Perspective

1330 Plenary Session - **Edward Rzdcki**
1430 Question & Answer period
1500 Closing Remarks

CANADIAN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS INSTITUTE

Bioethics Conference 2007 - Halifax

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Profession: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment: _____ Full Registration __, or Student Fee __
or _____ Day Registration (\$80 per day x ___ days)
(Please specify dates: _____)

Additional Guest(s) at Banquet (Thursday May 24):

Total _____

Please make your cheque for registration and additional meals payable to:

Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute

and send to Conference 2007, CCBI
81 St. Mary Street, Toronto, ON M5S 1J4

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY - ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

Please make your reservations directly with Saint Mary's University, Conference Services Department (toll free: 1-888-347-5555; fax 902-496-8118, or email stay@smu.ca). Do not send credit card details over email.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Saint Mary's University is located in Halifax with easy access to the Downtown.

REGISTRATION FEES (PER PERSON)

Full registration includes participation in all sessions, printed materials, opening reception, breakfasts, lunches and refreshment breaks as outlined in program and Thursday Banquet: \$275.

Student fee (inclusions as above): \$150.

Day Registration includes breakfast, lunch and breaks: \$ 80. per day

Banquet (Thursday May 24) for day registrants and all guests: \$ 60.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation received prior to April 15, 2007 will be refunded less \$50 cancellation fee. All requests for cancellation must be received in writing. There is no refund if cancellation received is within 30 days of the conference.

ACCOMMODATION

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees at Saint Mary's University. Please book by April 23 as rooms are on a space available basis after this date. A credit card is required to reserve a room. The cancellation policy requires 24 hours advance notice or one night's accommodation is applied to your credit card. Payment is required upon arrival by cash, direct debit, traveler's cheques, AMEX, Visa or Mastercard. Accommodation requests should be made directly through Saint Mary's University, Conference Services Department (toll free: 1-888-347-5555; fax 902-496-8118, or email stay@smu.ca). Do not send credit card details over email. Accommodation descriptions can be found at www.smu.ca/conferences.

RATES (includes applicable taxes) per night, parking and breakfast:

Travel Suite (single room with private bath)\$71.11

Single (single room with shared bath) \$45.52

Two Bedroom Apartments (up to 4 persons, private bathrooms) are also available upon request.

Note: Travel Suite private bathrooms are located in a shared hallway.

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Bioethics Conference 2007

Saint Mary's University
Halifax, Nova Scotia



May 23 - 26, 2007

*Wellness
in Mind, Body and Spirit:
Bioethical Dimensions*

CALL FOR WORKSHOP ABSTRACTS

The CCBI is accepting submissions for workshop presentations. Workshops provide a valuable opportunity for participants to engage in rich discussions about a topic of common interest. For details please visit our website.