

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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Website: [www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics](http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics)

#### 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*

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](mailto: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](mailto:stay@smu.ca)). Do not send credit card details over email. Accommodation descriptions can be found at [www.smu.ca/conferences](http://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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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.