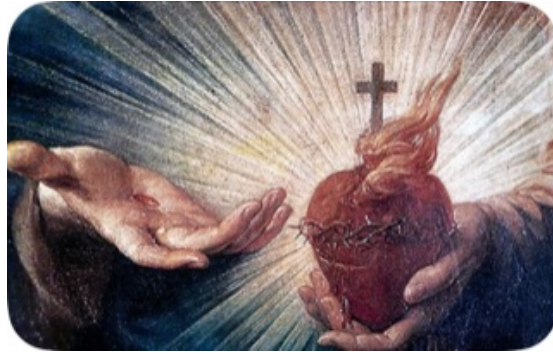




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Curatio Newsletter
July 2024

"Healing from the Heart of Christ"

Curatio's Mission is to strengthen the faith of all Catholic Healthcare Professionals so that, animated from the Heart of Christ and growing in holiness, we are equipped to reclaim our sacred vocation of caring, witnessing with zeal to the Gospel of Life.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of Curatio, intercede for us!

Feature Article
July 2024

The Clinic is open... [Truth Himself: The Clinic is open...](#)

By: Jannette Howe

**"The Eucharist is the medicine of immortality,
and the antidote to prevent us from dying, but which
causes that we should live forever in Jesus Christ."**

St Ignatius of Antioch

Dom Pius Parsch in *The Church's Year of Grace* invites us to look courageously into the Lord's Face and say: "Thou art my Physician. Cut away, cauterize, work Thy healing art on me . . . only make me well for

everlasting life." He presents the Church as a sanatorium for sin-sick souls.

"Before leaving the world our Saviour **established a clinic**, the Church, whose **main task** was to **heal sick souls**. The Church is a **great spiritual sanatorium**. All the practices and ordinances of the Church have as their ultimate purpose to heal men and **keep them healthy**.

Think of the sacraments: baptism, penance, extreme unction. Think in particular of the medicinal power of the Holy Eucharist. Yes, the twofold purpose of the Eucharist is to nourish and to heal. Nourishment to build divine life, medicine to overcome the diseases ravaging the soul.

To our great detriment we have practically forgotten the latter significance of the Eucharist. We keep believing that Communion is only for saints, a reward for virtue. The **time of Mass** is the **heavenly Physician's normal office hours**. . .

We have a Healer who wishes to heal our infirmities; **we have a clinic providing all the means** needed to restore our health; **we have a medicine** which infallibly produces its effect if we **use it as prescribed**."

Making Sense of Bioethics: Column #218 : The Most Serious Miscalculation of All?

Per NCBC

By: *Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD*

Physician-assisted suicide, according to its advocates, offers a good way to wrap up our life as we face extreme suffering. When we think we have reached the limit of what we can bear in terms of pain and discomfort, they assure us we can choose death on "our own terms." Given that our life belongs to us and no one else, we are told we should feel free to end it, supported by professionals from the medical community. Once our physician has prescribed us a toxic pharmaceutical, we are at liberty to ingest it whenever we are ready and "want out." This final act will putatively close out our time of suffering, resolving our situation for the better, and giving permanent testimony that we believe we are, quite literally, "better off dead."

[READ FULL ARTICLE HERE>](#)

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

Fr. Tad Pacholczyk earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as Senior Ethicist at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the dates!

Please join us for prayer and networking with fellow Catholics in Healthcare at the following opportunities.

Curatio Fall Weekend Retreat

September 27th–29th, 2024

Please enjoy and watch this YouTube interview with Fr. Columba Thomas OP, MD as he discusses his book, "Art of Dying" an ancient translation quite beautifully done. Fr. Columba starts about 9.20 min mark discussing his book.

[The Art of Dying \(with Br. Columba Thomas, OP, MD\) \(youtube.com\)](#)

This Fall 2024 Curatio Apostolate will have the amazing opportunity to have Fr. Columba leading us IN PERSON for a whole weekend on the ART OF LIVING for Healthcare workers! All attendees will be blessed with 3 masses, confession, adoration, spiritual guidance and a series of talks from Fr. Columba. What an ART we will experience filled with many graces. How blessed we are to have a retreat master that is an OP AND an MD!

REGISTRATION OPEN [CLICK HERE](#)

Father Columba Thomas OP, MD a Dominican Friar and a board-certified physician in internal Medicine presents, "The Art of Living: In Union with God for Healthcare Professionals."

Our Fall Retreat would be great for anyone in healthcare. Many may be looking for rest & renewal or just excited to hear about, "The Art of living in Union with God..." from a priest who is a physician! Help get the word out. Attach this to the end of your emails, share to Facebook and maybe it will reach friends, family or neighbors who need this most! Help us keep Christ at the bedside of healthcare.



Fr. Columba Thomas, OP, MD

Be Renewed in Body & Spirit

with daily Masses, series of reflections, spiritual guidance, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, time for networking & more.

Our Retreat Master's amazing resume:

- * Father Thomas graduated from Yale School of Medicine & is a board certified physician in Internal Medicine
- * completed Primary Care Residency & Chief Residency at Yale.
- * Dominican Friar, ordained a priest May '23
- * currently serves as post doctoral fellow in bioethics at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics in Washington, D.C.
- * is completing his master's degree in Catholic Clinical Ethics.
- * during COVID, Fr. Thomas gave Curatio a zoom presentation on "The Art of Dying."
- * Now he will return in person sharing his wit & wisdom on the "The Art of Living."

Register online:

CuratioApostolate.com

Join us!
Weekend Retreat
"The Art of living:
Union with God
for Healthcare Professionals"

September 27-29th 2024



Christ King Retreat Center

621 First Ave South,
Buffalo, MN 55313

- * Arrive Friday Sept. 27th @ 5:30-6:00 pm
- * Depart Sun. Sept. 29th after lunch @ 1pm

Enjoy beautiful lake views, outdoor Stations of the Cross & walking paths. Retreat includes full meals, snacks, use of kitchenette, program materials & private room with bathroom.

Full retreat- 2 nights, 5 meals = \$369

Sat/Sunday- 1 night, 4 meals = \$300

Saturday only- lunch & dinner = \$170

Please consider **Pay it Forward** as an additional registration for healthcare students in need to attend.

Questions? Contact

Retreat@CuratioApostolate.com

Testimonials from past retreatants:

"This retreat was just what I needed and I didn't even know it!"
"I can't say enough about how much this retreat brings healing to our hearts"
"Curatio" is Latin for healing.

What are Curatio members saying about Mass Meet & Munch?

"Reflecting about today – excellent dialog and camaraderie. Deep topic. Joy is present even while recognizing the many challenges. Curatio is definitely helping me grow spiritually. Catherine C "

See you July 20th at Nativity of Our Lord in St. Paul!



Mass Meet & Munch



Save the Dates
3rd Saturdays of the Month
Check bulletins to verify
times of Masses



Join us
CURATIO
Mass, Meet & Munch

January 20th @ 8:15am Nativity of Our Lord, St. Paul, MN
April 20th St. @ 8:00am Church of St. Helena, Mpls, MN
July 20th @ 8:15am Nativity of Our Lord, St. Paul, MN
October 19th @ 8:00am Church of St. Helena, Mpls, MN

Meet after parish morning Masses and stay for discussion & munchies!

Catholics in Healthcare-In the Heart of the World with the Heart of Christ

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PRAYER



Curatio's Prayer Intentions

July 2024

For Curatio's mission to strengthen the faith of all Catholic Healthcare Professionals.

To grow in holiness animated from the Heart of Christ.

To reclaim our sacred vocation of caring for the sick.

To witness with zeal to the Gospel of Life.

To pray for our patients, co-workers, hospitals and clinics staff.

We pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer.

ADORATION



The First Friday of every month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join us for a Holy Hour from 7 pm-8 pm every Thursday before the first Friday of each month, at St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

2739 NE Stinson Pkwy, St Anthony, MN 55418.

Or please consider a Holy Hour with Curatio's Intentions at your own parish adoration chapel.

The **CPR** Team
Curatio **P**ayer **R**esponders will pray for you!

[*Submit Prayer Requests Here*](#)>

Please send us your confidential prayers, needs, sorrows and thanksgivings. They will be prayed for by our Adoration group and also offered up at First Friday Masses by priest chaplains.

DONATIONS

Message From Dianne, Mission Director,

Your financial support for our Curatio Expansion Campaign is greatly appreciated and much needed for developing a solid Curatio program that will be piloted first in the Rochester, Winona diocese; recently approved by Bishop Barron. Please spread the word and join us in prayer. We greatly appreciate your consideration of an ongoing annual (or one time donation) supporting our humble efforts to ensure Catholics remain faithful to Christ while working in healthcare. Thank you.

[Donate Here!](#)

May our hearts in the Curatio Apostolate belong entirely to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SHARE OUR MISSION

Do you know of other health care workers that would benefit from this monthly newsletter? Please forward this message and encourage they check out Curatio!

[Check out our Curatio website here!](#)

[Sign up for our Newsletter here!](#)

As a lay apostolate in this ministry, we rely on and are prompted by the Holy Spirit and thus remain in healthcare for the long haul. We are the hands and feet of Christ - We spiritually care for and nourish Catholic healthcare professionals to stay the course as we remain a foundation of healing from the heart of Christ.

We, Curatio, are boots on the ground in the new evangelization.

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