National Colloquium for Catholic Bioethicists

2009
The 2009 National Colloquium for Catholic Bioethicists

Hosted by the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family, the Victorian Branch of the Australian Association of the Order of Malta and the Australian Catholic University.

From Sunday, 25 January - Wednesday, 28 January 2009

To discuss

Ethical and Pastoral Issues in Care of the Ageing and at the End of Life

You are invited to the fifth National Colloquium for Catholic Bioethicists on the theme Ethical and Pastoral issues in Care of the Ageing and at the End of Life. The purpose is to foster discussion and debate amongst bioethicists, and we would welcome participation from health professionals, and members of HRECs or clinical ethics committees, and, given the topics, lawyers and politicians.

A meeting of the Australian Association of Catholic Bioethicists is to be held at the conclusion of the colloquium.

There is to be a public forum to open the Colloquium on Sunday evening, 25th January at 7.30pm. Bishop Christopher Prowse will speak on human suffering. The Colloquium Mass and Dinner at Newman College on Tuesday, 27th January is also open to all. Mass will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday during the Colloquium proceedings. Registration includes lunch and morning/afternoon tea. Registration for the Colloquium dinner is in addition to the Colloquium proceedings.

Accommodation

The colloquium does not plan to take responsibility for arranging accommodation.
Colloquium Program

Sunday, 25 January 2009
Public Forum and Book Launch
Making sense of human suffering – hope, witness and redemption and book launch

Christ Lecture Theatre
Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

7.30pm Welcome
Most Reverend Christopher Prowse VG, STD, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

8.30pm Discussion

9.30pm Book Launch - Life in the Flesh: An Anti-Gnostic Spiritual Philosophy
Dr Adam Q. Cooper

Biography

Dr Adam G. Cooper BTh, GradDipMin, PhD
Senior Lecturer in Patristics, John Paul II Institute

Christianity is deeply interested in the body. In its central mysteries - creation, incarnation, and resurrection - the body and human flesh are radically implicated. Bodies are persons, and persons are spiritual beings, bearers of the divine image and destined for bodily union with God. From the Bible to the Second Vatican Council, from Irenaeus and Tertullian to Aquinas and Luther, the classic sources of the Christian tradition engender a spiritual philosophy that challenges the ever-present gnostic impulse either to marginalize, or else to worship, the body.

Adam G. Cooper brings these rich sources into conversation with numerous contemporary voices in philosophy and theology, offering an illuminating and critical perspective on such pressing social and ethical questions as pornography, feminism, philosophy of mind, sterility, and death.

Publishing details: Oxford University Press, 2008
Colloquium Program

Monday, 26 January 2009
Opening of Colloquium

Thomas Carr Centre
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

9.00am The ethical consideration of aged persons in the community
Most Reverend Peter Elliott VG, MA (Melb), MA (Oxon), STD
Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne & Director, John Paul II Institute

Session One

9.10am Issues in the care of ageing persons
Rev. Dr. Laurence J. McNamara C.M. STL, MLitt, PhD.
Catholic Theological College, Adelaide

9.40am Elder abuse: a hidden problem needing an ethical response
Associate Professor Rosalie Hudson RN, B App Sci, M Theol, Grad Dip Geront., PhD
Honorary Senior Fellow, School of Nursing and Social Work, The University of Melbourne

10.10am Discussion

10.30am Morning Tea

Session Two

11.00am Resource allocation for the care of the elderly
Mr. Richard Gray
Director of Aged Care Services, Catholic Health Australia

11.30am ‘Future Care Planning’ in care of the elderly
Ms Marion Seal RN BN, MA Health Sci. (Health Prom)
Respect Patient Choices Program
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide

12.00pm Discussion

12.30pm Lunch
Colloquium Program

Monday, 26 January 2009

**Session Three**

2.00pm *Challenges to the provision of care for the elderly person with dementia in the acute sector*

Dr Fran McInerney RN, BAppSci, MA, PhD, MRCNA, Associate Professor, Aged Care Joint Appointment Catholic Homes / Australian Catholic University, School of Nursing and Midwifery (Victoria)

2.30pm *Ethical issues in clinical practice – dietetics and the aged*  
(Presenter TBC)

3.00pm Discussion

3.30pm Afternoon Tea

**Session Four**

4.00pm *Advanced dementia and artificial hydration*

Mr Ray Campbell L.Ph.  
Director, Queensland Bioethics Centre

4.30pm Discussion

5.00pm Roundtable on Ethical Dilemmas in Care of Elderly

5.45pm Close
Colloquium Program

Tuesday, 27 January 2009
Giving Meaning to Life and Death

Thomas Carr Centre
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Session One

9.00am Meaning, value and worth at the end of life
Head of School of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University

9.30am Hope and end of life care
Dr Brigid McKenna MBBS, MBioeth
Policy Officer, Life, Marriage and Family Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney
Lecturer, School of Philosophy and Theology, University of Notre Dame (Sydney)

10.00am Discussion

10.30am Morning Tea

Session Two

11.00am The definition of death
Associate Professor Nicholas Tonti-Filippini BA, MA, PhD
Associate Dean and Head of Bioethics, John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family

11.30am Debate: The medical determination of death
Associate Professor James Tibballs, BMedSc(Hons), MB BS, MEd, MBA, MD, MHlth&MedLaw, GradDipArts(Fr), FANZCA, FJJICM, FACLM
Deputy Director of Intensive Care, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne
and
Associate Professor Geoffrey J. Dobb FRCA, FANZCA, FJJICM
Chairman, ANZICS Committee on Organ and Tissue Donation

12.00pm Discussion

12.30pm Lunch
Colloquium Program

Tuesday, 27 January 2009

Session Three

1.30pm Ethical issues in administration of analgesia in palliative care
Dr Odette Spruyt MBChB, Dip Obs, FRACP, FAChPM.
Consultant in palliative medicine, Peter MacCullum Cancer Centre, Melbourne

2.00pm A ‘Good Death’. A dichotomy of language in end of life care.
Lecturer, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Australian Catholic University

2.30pm Discussion

3.00pm Afternoon tea

Session Four

3.30pm Ethical issues in end stage cardio-pulmonary disease
Rev. Associate Professor Gerald Gleeson STB, MA, PhD.
Catholic Institute of Sydney
and
Dr. Maria Cigolini MB, BS, FRACGP, DipPalMed.
General Practitioner

4.30pm Discussion

5.00pm Close
Tuesday, 27 January 2009

Colloquium Mass and Dinner

6.15pm Colloquium Mass
Newman College Chapel,
871-945 Swanston St
Parkville, VIC
Chief Celebrant and Homilist
Most Reverend Peter Elliott DD
Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne & Director, John Paul II Institute

7.15pm Colloquium Dinner
Newman College, Melbourne
871-945 Swanston St
Parkville, VIC

Oration by Most Reverend Mark Coleridge DD, The Synod of Bishops,
Archbishop of Canberra/Goulburn
Wednesday, 28 January 2009

Professional Conscience and Religious Freedom

Thomas Carr Centre
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

9.30am Meeting of Australian Association of Catholic Bioethicists

10.30am Morning Tea

11.00am Professional conscience and the freedom of thought, conscience and religion: What protection is there or might there be?  
Professor Greg Craven BA, LLB(Hons), LLM(Melb)  
Vice Chancellor, Australian Catholic University

11.30am Is conscientious objection in health care an instance of a right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion?  
Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP DD, BA (Hons), LLB, BTheol (Hons), DPhil  
Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Sydney

12.00pm The Australian Medical Council’s ‘Good Medical Practice Guidelines’:  
Defending the right to conscientious objection  
Dr Eamonn Mathieson MBBS, FANZCA  
Specialist Anaesthetist, President of the Catholic Doctors Association of Victoria, Convenor of Doctors in Conscience Against Abortion Bill.

12.30pm Discussion

1.00pm Lunch and close of Colloquium
## Registration Form

Please note, full time students may attend the Colloquium as observers only. Contact the Colloquium administration for special registration rates payable for students. Documentation of full time student status required.

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I plan to attend: (please tick)

- [ ] All sessions: Full registration $175
- [ ] Monday, 26 January $70
- [ ] Tuesday, 27 January $70
- [ ] Wednesday, 28 January $45
- [ ] Sunday, 25 January (Free)
- [ ] Colloquium Dinner (Newman College) $100

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