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Dr. Kim Dernovsek Conference

On March 20, 2019, Dr. Kim Dernovsek, Associate Clinical Professor at the Univ. of Colorado in Pueblo, gave a compelling presentation at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Denver, about the Universal Chastity Education, which has been instrumental in reducing the prevalence of HIV and STDs in Uganda and other countries.



Dr. Kim Dernovsek

From 2003 to 2019, close to 440,000 chastity pledges were secured by teen-agers and young adults. Uganda has experienced the most significant decline of HIV prevalence of any country in the world. Faith Inspires . . . Hope is Born . . . Health Follows.

A video of this presentation is posted in our web site at www.denver-cma.com/videos

Annual CMA Retreat - 2019



Fr. John-Therese Creus

May 17-18, 2019 held the Annual CMA Retreat at Mother Cabrini Shrine. Several physicians, a couple mid-level providers, and a group of medical and physical therapy students were among the attendees. They were treated to deep reflections by Fr. John-Therese Creus of the Congregation of St. John and Tom

Jensen, MD, President of the Denver-CMA. It was an opportunity for prayer, discussion and fellowship. Fr.

Creus shared that he studied medicine prior to being a priest. The Shrine provided accommodations, meals, daily Mass, and beautiful grounds for the retreat.

Outreach at St Louis Catholic Church, Louisville

On July 7, members of the Denver-CMA, after invitation from our spiritual director, Fr. Tim Hjelstrom, did an outreach at St. Louis Catholic Church in Louisville, invited health professionals to a picnic to learn about the CMA.



A hearty spread of food was enjoyed by the participants at the nearby park. Board members plan to do an outreach in their parishes during the month of August, to increase awareness for the CMA and invite people to our events.



Women/Men in Medicine & the CMA+AMC

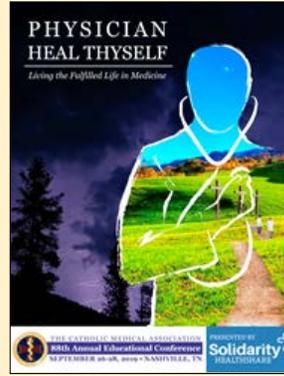
On July 12, 2019, a co-joint potluck dinner for Women/Men in Medicine and the Catholic Medical Association + Anschutz Medical Campus was hosted by Drs. Jack and Nahid Hotchkiss.



Special guest speaker was Joanne Rupprecht, Esq, Adjunct Professor, University of Colorado, who gave a passionate talk about her faith journey as having started when her mother was dying. Joanne has a legal ministry of the Ethical Will and the Five Wishes Living Will and shared how health care providers can care for their patients in their final years through these legal instruments.



Joanne Rupprecht



The theme of the conference is "Physician Heal Thyself: Living a fulfilled life in Medicine." Conference speakers will focus on the crisis of physician and healthcare worker burnout and the spiritual, physical, financial and mental health consequences.

Denver-CMA White Mass

The White Mass will be held on October 18th, the Feast Day of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, followed by a dinner and a speaker, Sister Mary Diana Dregar MD, Dominican Sister and Physician. The annual White Mass is an opportunity for Catholic Healthcare Providers to join in celebration and renewal of their professional oaths guided by the wisdom and moral teachings of the Church.



UPCOMING EVENTS

"Made This Way: Male and Female"



The Denver -CMA is co-hosting with the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office the event "Made This Way: Male and Female" on Sept 10, Tuesday, at 6:30pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish. This event will feature Emily Zinos, an advocate helping parents and educators identify and address the threats of transgender ideology; and Dr. Patrick Lappert, a plastic surgeon and deacon who provides revelatory insight into transgender surgery.

CMA-2019 Annual Educational Conference

The 2019 Annual Educational Conference of the Catholic Medical Association will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel on September 26 - 28, 2019.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Faith, Inspiration, Reason and Evangelization (FIRE) committee of the CMA proposes the theme Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for this month.



This photo is of the beautiful perpetual adoration chapel in St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Louisville, where they have had perpetual adoration since 1996 Are you having struggles in your vocation as a physician? We recommend spending some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis as you bring all your worries and cares to Him.

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