



# THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

*Upholding the Dignity of the Human Person in Health Care and Biomedical Research since 1972*

## DIOCESAN MEMBERSHIP

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER (NCBC) was founded in St. Louis, Missouri in 1972 to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research. The NCBC is a trusted advisor to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic health care systems and hospitals, and to dicasteries of the Holy See. The NCBC brings unparalleled services to these institutions in the form of six full-time PhD-level ethicists and a legacy of trust and integrity.

## EDUCATION

The NCBC provides education drawing on the deepest resources of the Catholic faith to help people address challenging ethical issues in health care and biomedical research. The NCBC offers seminars and lectures for a wide range of audiences, including a biennial Workshop for Bishops, and a Certification Program in Health Care Ethics based on the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, with optional graduate credits from Holy Apostles College and Seminary and the University of Mary.

## CONSULTATIONS

The NCBC provides services to Catholic health ministries to address issues in health care ethics and to strengthen Catholic identity. The NCBC provides a comprehensive assessment of Catholic health ministries (including policies, educational programs, collaborative arrangements, and diagnosis and procedure codes) via its *Catholic Identity & Ethics Review* (CIER) program or can perform case-specific reviews of incidents, policies, and printed materials. The NCBC also provides policy resources and webinars on an ongoing basis.

## PUBLICATIONS

The NCBC is the leading publisher of articles and books on Catholic health care ethics, including *Catholic Health Care Ethics: A Manual for Practitioners*. The NCBC has published *Ethics & Medics*, a monthly commentary, since 1976, and the *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, an award-winning scholarly journal, since 2001.

*"May God bless The National Catholic Bioethics Center in its desire and commitment to be of service to the Magisterium of the Church and to the cause of humanity. And may the Holy Spirit direct your minds and hearts to enter more fully into the mysteries of His divine Wisdom and to be ever more inflamed with His Love."*

—POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II, JANUARY 28, 1980, ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST NCBC WORKSHOP FOR BISHOPS

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- Twenty-four-hour emergency access to the President of the NCBC and the Executive Vice President for the (arch)bishop or his designee.
- Five hours of consultation with an NCBC ethicist.
- A one-year online subscriptions to The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly (4 issues), with access to a searchable database of all back issues AND five one-year online subscriptions to Ethics & Medics (12 issues), with access to past issues.
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- A discount on bulk and individual print or individual print subscriptions to Ethics & Medics sent to one address, which may be distributed to clergy and diocesan staff.
- Discounts on Catholic Health Insurance Ethics Reviews (CHIER) of medical/pharmacy health insurance benefits plan design and monitoring.
- A 20% discount on the personnel cost for a one-day seminar presented at your facility by an NCBC ethicist (travel expenses additional).
- 50% off an annual subscription to the NCBC's syndicated "Making Sense of Bioethics" newspaper column.
- Tuition discounts for diocesan staff for NCBC
- Email updates on current bioethics issues.
- Sessions from past Workshop for Bishops
- Access to past Webinars
- Online access to past Bioethics Public Policy Reports

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