



# THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

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## Diocesan Membership

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER was founded in 1972 in St. Louis, Missouri, to promote and safeguard the dignity of the human person by applying the moral tradition of the Roman Catholic Church to developments in health care and the life sciences. The Center employs a team of highly qualified ethicists who possess diverse backgrounds in moral philosophy, theology, nursing, canon law, neuroscience, and education.

### EDUCATION

The Center conducts seminars and lectures for clergy, parish leaders, researchers, attorneys, educators, and health care professionals. Since 1980, the biennial NCBC Workshop for Bishops has provided an educational forum to apprise bishops of timely bioethical issues that affect their episcopal ministries. The ongoing National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics, started in 2005, is a year-long distance-learning program that provides systematic formation based on the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Health Care Workers*, with optional graduate credits from Holy Apostles College and Seminary and the University of Mary.

### PUBLIC POLICY

The Center addresses public policy issues from the perspective of the Catholic moral tradition, providing analysis, reporting, and commentary.

### RESEARCH

Individual and taskforce research is conducted by Center ethicists, consultants, and interdisciplinary scholars.

### CONSULTATIONS

The NCBC offers round-the-clock consultation services to dioceses, clergy, health care professionals, hospital systems, individuals, and families in need. Topics range from questions about clinical cases to institutional identity and public policy.

### PUBLICATIONS

The Center has published *Ethics & Medics*, its monthly commentary, since 1976, and *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, an award-winning scholarly journal, since 2001. The Center also publishes books, including the widely used *Catholic Health Care Ethics: A Manual for Practitioners* and *Personalist Bioethics*, by Elio Cardinal Sgreccia.

*“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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*Defending the dignity of the human person in health care and the life sciences since 1972*

**BENEFITS AND SERVICES**

Membership provides the most benefits to the Ordinary, his health care designee, and diocesan staff. Benefits include:

- Twenty-four-hour emergency access to the President of the NCBC for the (arch)bishop or his designee
- Eight hours of consultation with an NCBC ethicist during the year of membership, to include discussion of specific clinical cases, review of proposed policies, and formation of ethics committees
- A one-year print and online subscription to *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* (4 issues), with access to a searchable database of all back issues
- Five one-year print and online subscriptions to *Ethics & Medics* (12 issues)
- 40% discount on bulk subscriptions to *Ethics & Medics* sent to one address, which may be distributed to clergy and diocesan staff
- One copy of a book published recently by the Center
- 20% discount on the personnel cost for a one-day seminar presented at your facility by an NCBC ethicist (travel expenses additional)
- 20% off the list price of any available NCBC book
- 40% off the list price of a complete set of available NCBC books
- 50% off an annual subscription to the NCBC's *Making Sense of Bioethics* newspaper column
- Tuition discounts for your staff for NCBC courses, seminars, and other sponsored programs
- Periodic email updates on current bioethics issues, including public policy

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*Diocesan membership dues are \$1500.*

*Membership begins the month in which membership dues are received, and is renewed annually in that month.*

*Please fill out the form below and send it to us by mail or fax using the contact details below.*

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Check for \$1500 enclosed, payable to NCBC

Please send invoice

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