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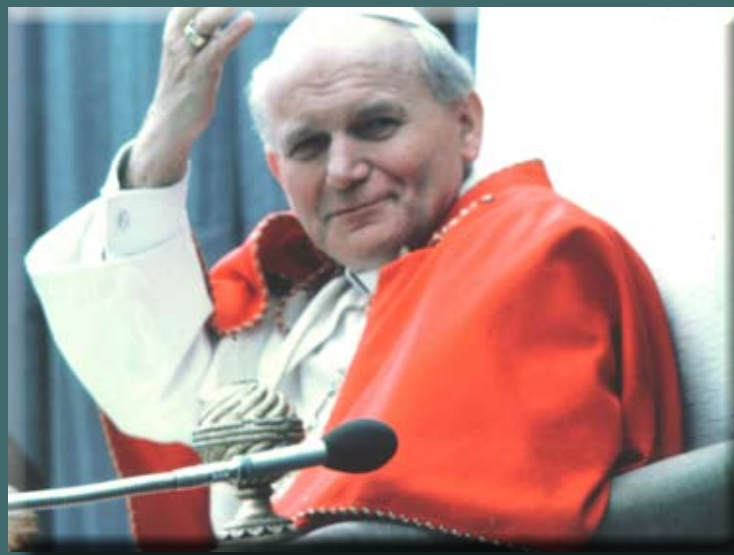
*Theology of the Body:
The Dignity of Woman*



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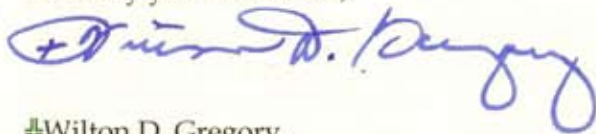
Dear Friends in Christ:

On behalf of the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our city, our local Church, and to this occasion of fellowship for the Catholic Medical Association. This important occasion of witness by the Association comes at a critical time in our nation's life, as the Church and all true followers of Jesus Christ strive mightily to re-establish in the fabric of our society, fundamental protections for life that have come perilously unraveled in our time, with the emergence of the "culture of death," and the concomitant disregard that has arisen for the natural law.

How significant, then, your studies and deliberations at this conference devoted to the topic of "Theology of the Body: the Dignity of Woman." For surely, if we work to better communicate our devotion to life by centering our thoughts and ideas on the exquisite maternal nature of woman, and above all using the model of our Most Blessed Mother, Mary the Mother of God, then God will lend His grace to our efforts, and redouble the effects of our work – our ministry.

Archbishop Emeritus Donoghue and I are both deeply honored to be participants in these proceedings. We look forward to sharing our thoughts, to renewing our many friendships among the membership, and we pray that the interior spiritual enhancements resulting from this conference, channeled by the Holy Spirit, will bear strong and plentiful fruit, in your lives as Catholic medical professionals, in our Church, and in American society.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Atlanta Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, we welcome you to the CMA's 76th annual educational program, held for the first time in Atlanta. We hope you will experience the warmth and hospitality so typical of the South, and leave here enlightened and refreshed.

Our Episcopal advisor, Bishop Robert Vasa, encouraged us to develop themes for conferences that would allow a variety of speakers and topics of interest to Catholic physicians and others. Women are the heart of the family and set the standards for morality in the culture. The culture wars of the twentieth century resulted in the wounding of many women's hearts. In a series of Wednesday audiences given between September 1979 and November 1984, Pope John Paul II gave a catechesis on the bodily dimension of human personhood, encompassed in talks called "Theology of the Body". It is only by understanding who we are as men and women with our equal dignity and irreducible differences that we can understand the nuptial meaning of the body and bring about a culture of life. These teachings can bring about a revolution in the hearts of men and women and the physicians who treat and counsel them, and bring about a Culture of Life.

In keeping with the goals of the Catholic Medical Association to help us grow spiritually as Catholic physicians, we are beginning the conference this year with an evening of spiritual retreat. Let us come away from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives and medical practices and listen to the Lord who speaks in whispers to us. Please consider joining us in June 2008 for a pilgrimage to Rome, being arranged by Dr. Paul Braaton of the Modesto guild or one of the weekend retreats arranged for the CMA by Dr. Jan Hemstad of the Washington State guild.

May you come away from this conference with valuable information to assist you in the management of your female patients and a greater appreciation of the treasure Pope John Paul II has left us with this catechesis on the human person. We ask for the intercession of Our Lady as the supreme example of femininity and virtue.

In Christ,

Kathleen M. Raviele, M.D. F.A.C.O.G.
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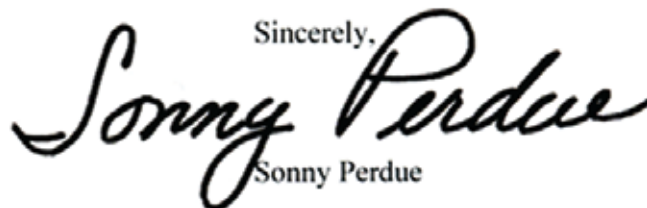
It is a pleasure to extend my best wishes for the 76th Annual Educational Conference of the Catholic Medical Association, *Theology of the Body: The Dignity of Woman*.

Allow me to welcome distinguished guests, members of the Association and other attendees from Canada, the United States, and Georgia, to our capital. Atlanta is a beautiful city with many attractions, including fine dining, historic sites and various recreational facilities. I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy some of them and experience the hospitality that is so much a part of our everyday lives.

I commend the mission of the Association to provide healing and the highest quality of care in the community based on Christian principles. As you address the issues on your agenda, I am confident you will achieve the goals you have set.

Mary joins me in extending our best wishes for a productive and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,


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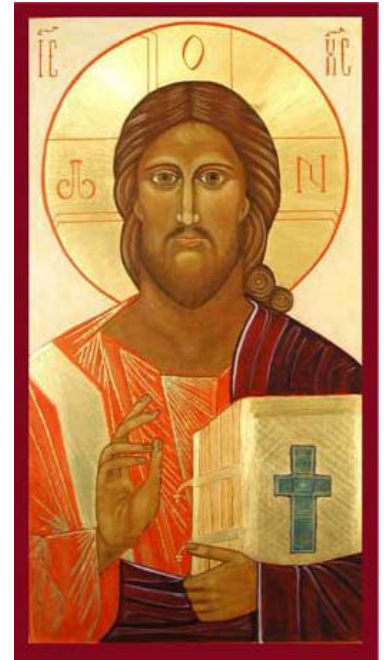
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Prayer of the Catholic Physician

Lord Jesus,

Divine Physician, who in your earthly life showed special concern for those who suffer and entrusted to your disciples the ministry of healing, make us ever ready to alleviate the trials of our brethren. Make each one of us, aware of the great mission that is entrusted to him, strive always to be, in the performance of daily service, an instrument of your merciful love. Enlighten our minds, guide our hands, make our hearts diligent and compassionate. Ensure that in every patient we know how to discern the features of your divine Face.



You who are the Way, provide us with the gift of knowing how to imitate you every day as medical doctors not only of the body but of the whole person, helping those who are sick to tread with trust their own earthly path until the moment of their encounter with You.

You who are the Truth, provide us with the gift of wisdom and science in order to penetrate the mystery of the human person and their transcendent destiny as we draw near to them in order to discover the causes of their maladies and find suitable remedies.

You who are the Life, provide us with the gift of preaching and bearing witness to the 'Gospel of life' in our profession, committing ourselves to defending it always, from conception to its natural end, and to respect the dignity of every human being, and especially the dignity of the weakest and the most in need.

Make us O Lord, Good Samaritans, ready to welcome, treat, and console those we encounter in our work. Following the example of the holy medical doctors who have preceded us, help us to offer our generous contribution to the constant renewal of health care structures.

Bless our studies and our profession, enlighten our research and our teaching. Lastly, grant to us, having constantly loved and served You in our suffering brethren, that at the end of our earthly pilgrimage we may contemplate your glorious countenance and experience the joy of the encounter with You in your Kingdom of joy and everlasting peace. Amen.

The Vatican, 29 June 2000
John Paul II

Icon of Christ the Pantocrator written by the hand of Dr. Lynne Bissonnette-Pitre

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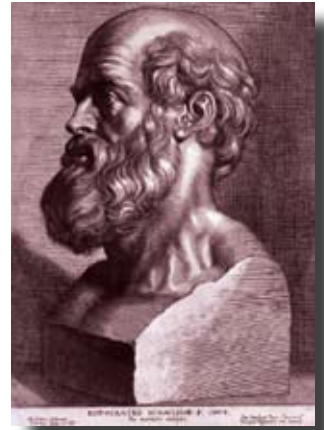
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Oath of Hippocrates



“The 1995 Restatement of The Oath of Hippocrates circa 400 B.C.”
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I SWEAR in the presence of the Almighty and before my family, my teachers and my peers that according to my ability and judgment I will keep this Oath and Stipulation.

TO RECKON all who have taught me this art equally dear to me as my parents and in the same spirit and dedication to impart a knowledge of the art of medicine to others. I will continue with diligence to keep abreast of advances in medicine. I will treat without exception all who seek my ministrations, so long as the treatment of others is not compromised thereby, and I will seek the counsel of particularly skilled physicians where indicated for the benefit of my patient.

I WILL FOLLOW that method of treatment which according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patient and abstain from whatever is harmful or mischievous. I will neither prescribe nor administer a lethal dose of medicine to any patient even if asked nor counsel any such thing nor perform act or omission with direct intent deliberately to end a human life. I will maintain the utmost respect for every human life from fertilization to natural death and reject abortion that deliberately takes a unique human life.

WITH PURITY, HOLINESS AND BENEFICENCE I will pass my life and practice my art. Except for the prudent correction of an imminent danger, I will neither treat any patient nor carry out any research on any human being without the valid informed consent of the subject or the appropriate legal protector thereof, understanding that research must have as its purpose the furtherance of the health of that individual. Into whatever patient setting I enter, I will go for the benefit of the sick and will abstain from every voluntary act of mischief or corruption and further from the seduction of any patient.

WHATEVER IN CONNECTION with my professional practice or not in connection with it I may see or hear in the lives of my patients which ought not be spoken abroad, I will not divulge, reckoning that all such should be kept secret.

WHILE I CONTINUE to keep this Oath unviolated may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art and science of medicine with the blessing of the Almighty and respected by my peers and society, but should I trespass and violate this Oath, may the reverse be my lot.

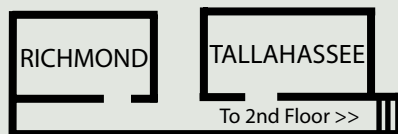
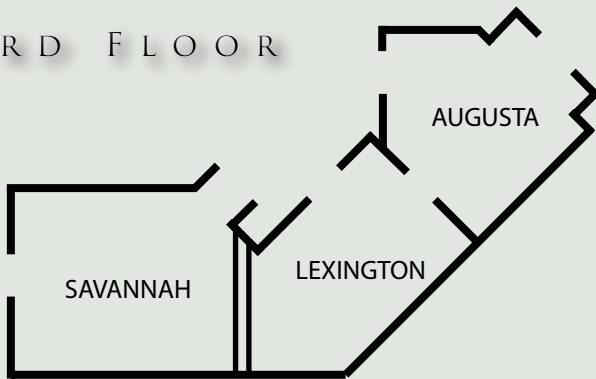
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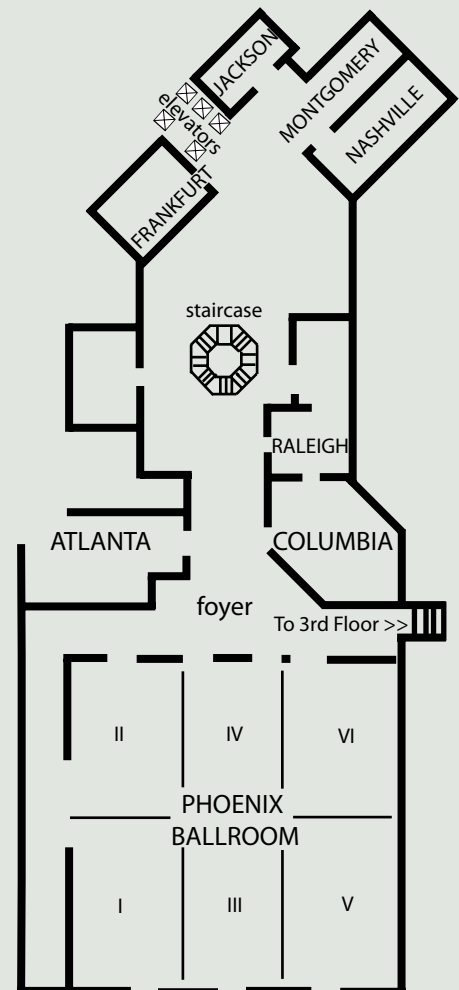
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Statement of Need

The woman is the heart of the family and can only achieve true happiness by self-donation to her husband and self-sacrifice for her children. Outside of the home, women lend a civility to work that has a positive effect on society. Women set the standards for the morals of a culture. We must strive to find the best way to assist women to achieve their full potential. By evaluating and treating female health problems in cooperation with their biology and psychology, we can help women appreciate their dignity and their families and society will benefit as well.

Objectives

1. Understand the neurobiology and psychology of femininity.
2. Identify techniques of fertility awareness that assist the infertile couple or the couple avoiding pregnancy.
3. Examine the roles of women as caretakers at the end of life.
4. Examine the ethics in the workplace of the doctor-nurse relationship.
5. Evaluate techniques of stem cell research in the treatment of disease.

Target Audience

This conference will provide valuable information in the treatment of the female patient for medical specialties such as Ob-Gyn, Family Practice, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics as well as for other healthcare professionals, clergy, seminarians and those who work to promote a culture that respects life.

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8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	
7:00 p.m.	Evening of Reflection with Fr. Paul Moreau, L.C.	Phoenix Ballroom

T H U R S D A Y , O C T O B E R 4 *St. Francis of Assisi*

MORNING SESSION - Kathleen M. Raviele, M.D., moderator

7:00 a.m.	Holy Rosary	Phoenix Ballroom
7:30 a.m.	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Bishop Vasa	
8:00 a.m.	Perpetual Adoration Begins	Richmond Room
8:15 a.m.	Healthy Start Continental Breakfast	
8:45 a.m.	WELCOME - <i>Robert Saxer, M.D., President, CMA</i> <i>Kathleen M. Raviele, M.D., Conference Chair and</i> <i>President-Elect.</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Theology of the Body: The Original Unity of Man and Woman <i>Bishop Robert Baker</i>	
9:45 a.m.	Reiki Healing: Health or Stealth? <i>Johnnette Benkovic</i>	
10:30 a.m.	Break <i>sponsored by J.J. White, Inc.</i>	
10:45 a.m.	Addiction: A Catholic Approach <i>Albino Aragno</i>	
11:30 a.m.	Question & Answer Session	
Noon	Lunch	

AFTERNOON SESSION - Kathleen M. Raviele, M.D., moderator

1:15 p.m.	Deus Caritas Est, <i>Bishop Robert Vasa</i>	Phoenix Ballroom
2:00 p.m.	Oral Contraception & Premenopausal Breast Cancer <i>Chris Kahlenborn, M.D.</i>	
2:45 p.m.	Healthy Families: Safe Children <i>Lynne Bissonnette-Pitre, M.D., Ph.D.</i>	
3:30 p.m.	Question & Answer Session	
4:00 p.m.	Depart for an "Evening at the Georgia Aquarium"	
5:00 p.m.	Tour and Dinner, Georgia Aquarium	Georgia Aquarium

MORNING SESSION - Jan Hemstad, M.D., moderator

7:00 a.m.	Holy Rosary	Phoenix Ballroom
7:30 a.m.	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Bishop Vasa	
8:15 a.m.	Healthy Start Continental Breakfast	
8:45 a.m.	The Imitation of Our Lady's Virtues <i>Archbishop-Emeritus John F. Donoghue</i>	
9:15 a.m.	The Neurobiology & Psychology of Femininity <i>Philip Mango, Ph.D.</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Break <i>sponsored by Saint Joseph's Mercy Foundation</i>	
10:15 a.m.	Changing Human Behavior: How Culture, Contraception, and Religion Combined in the Early 20th Century to Create the Modern Sexual Revolution <i>Theresa Notare, M.A.</i>	
11:00 a.m.	Efficacy & Efficiency in NFP Services <i>Richard Fehring, Ph.D., R.N.</i>	
11:45 a.m.	Question & Answer Session	
Noon	Lunch & Linacre Award	

AFTERNOON SESSION - Richard Fehring, Ph.D., moderator

1:15-3:15	General Assembly/Business Meeting	Atlanta Room
1:15 p.m.	Condoms and the HIV Epidemic <i>Dawn Reeler, M.B., Ch.B., D.A.</i>	Phoenix Ballroom
2:00 p.m.	Managing the Infertile Couple <i>Mark Stegman, M.D.</i>	
2:45 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m.	Effectiveness of Fertility Awareness in Promoting Chastity in Young Women <i>Pilar Vigil, M.D., Ph.D.</i>	
3:45 p.m.	Treating the Female Patient Without the Pill <i>Les Ruppertsberger, D.O.</i>	
4:30 p.m.	Question & Answer Session	
5:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own	

MORNING SESSION - Lorna Cvetkovich, M.D., moderator

7:00 a.m.	Holy Rosary	Phoenix Ballroom
7:30 a.m.	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Bishop Vasa	
8:15 a.m.	Healthy Start Continental Breakfast	
8:45 a.m.	Theology of the Body: Blessed are the Pure of Heart <i>Rev. Richard Hogan</i>	
9:30 a.m.	Ethics in the Workplace: The Doctor-Nurse Relationship <i>Paul Voss, Ph.D.</i>	
10:15 a.m.	Break Sponsored by St. Mary Medical Center	
10:30 a.m.	Women as Caretakers <i>E. Joanne Angelo, M.D.</i>	
11:15 a.m.	Conscience and the Catholic Physician <i>John F. Brehany, Ph.D., S.T.L.</i>	
Noon	Question & Answer Session	
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
12:15 p.m.	Perpetual Adoration Ends	

AFTERNOON SESSION - Gerry Sotomayor, M.D., moderator

1:15 p.m.	The Impact of Culture on Women and Their Families <i>Helen Alvare, J.D.</i>	Phoenix Ballroom
2:00 p.m.	The Ethics and Clinical Potential of Stem Cells <i>David Hess, M.D.</i>	
2:45 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m.	Embryo Adoption <i>Rev. Thomas Berg, L.C.</i>	
3:45 p.m.	Question & Answer Session	
4:30 p.m.	Depart for Closing White Mass	
5:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Cathedral of Christ the King
6:30 p.m.	Return to Hotel	
7:30 p.m.	Reception	Foyer Phoenix Ballroom
8:00 p.m.	Banquet Hippocratic Oath	

Keynote Address: **Facing the Secular Culture as a Catholic Physician**
The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta
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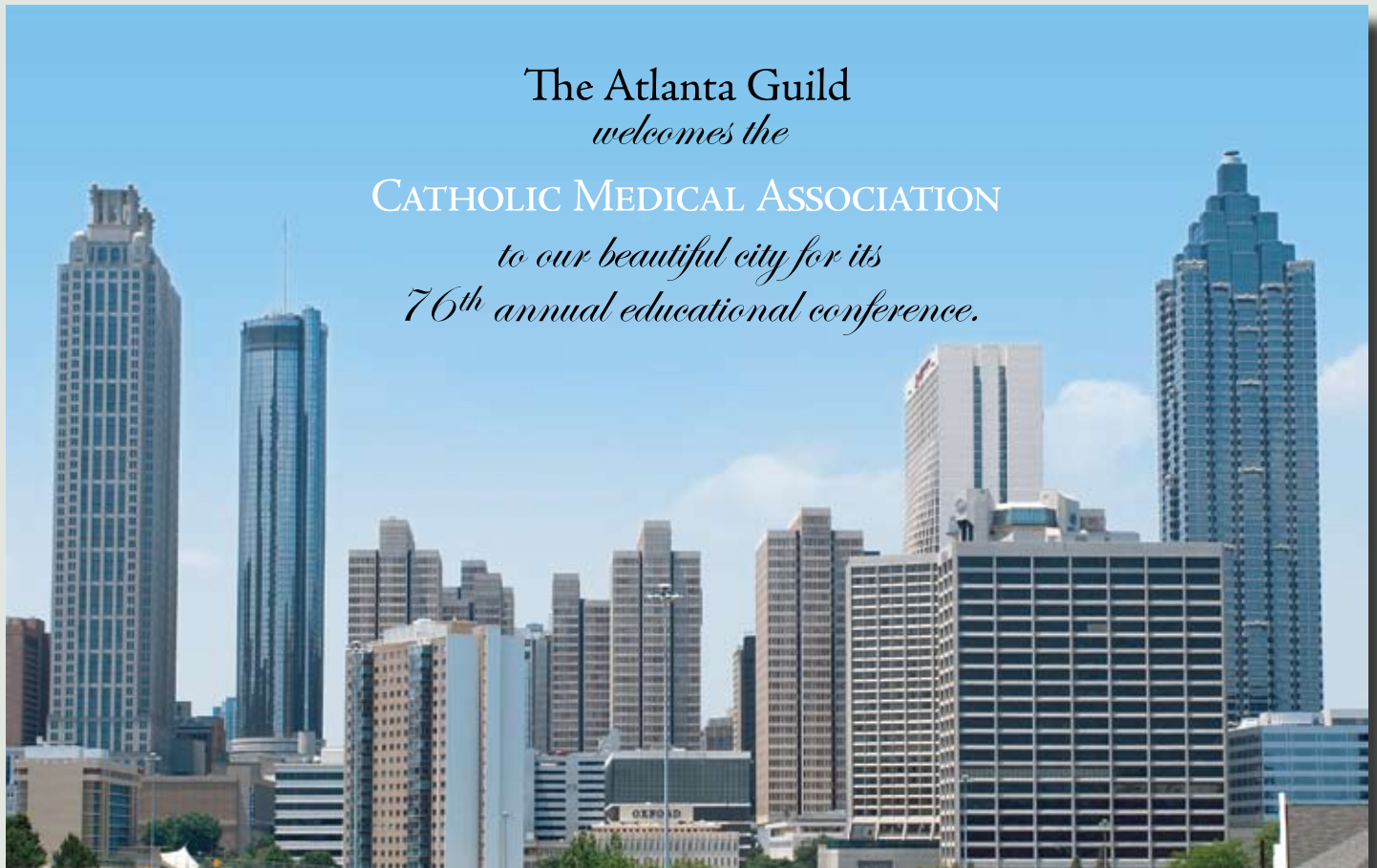
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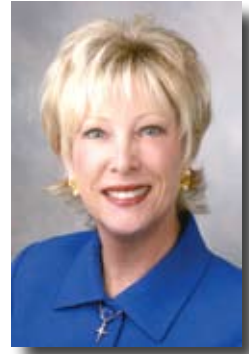
The Most Rev. Robert J. Baker was installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham on October 2, 2007. He completed an A.B. in philosophy and a M.Div. in theology from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio and was ordained a priest for the diocese of St. Augustine, Florida in 1970. He received his S.T.L. in dogmatic theology in 1974 and his S.T.D. in dogmatic theology in 1977, both from the Gregorian University in Rome. After various assignments in the diocese of St. Augustine, where he helped to establish several programs for the homeless and addicted, Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop of Charleston, where he has served since 1999.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 9:00 AM - The Most Reverend Robert J. Baker

JOHNNETTE S. BENKOVIC

REIKI HEALING: HEALTH OF STEALTH?



Johnnette S. Benkovic is the founder and President of Living His Life Abundantly International, Inc. a Catholic evangelization apostolate with outreaches in television, radio, print, and internet communications (www.lhla.org). She also founded Women of Grace, (www.womenofgrace.com), a Catholic apostolate that sponsors conferences, curricula and study groups. She is executive producer of the weekly television show *The Abundant Life*, seen internationally on EWTN, and *Women of Grace Live*, a daily call-in radio show heard nationally on AM/FM radio and internationally on WEWN short wave radio. She has authored several books, including *The New Age Counterfeit (Queenship)*.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 9:45 AM - *Johnnette S. Benkovic*

DEUS CARITAS EST



Bishop Robert Vasa is the bishop of Baker, Oregon. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska on May 22, 1976. He received a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Gregorian University, Rome in 1981, and was Chancellor of the Diocese of Lincoln from 1981 to 1985, as well as Judge of the Diocese of Lincoln Tribunal. He helped establish Holy Family Medical Specialties in Lincoln in 1996 and established a self-insured health plan for the diocese. He was ordained Bishop for the Diocese of Baker in January, 2000 and was named Episcopal Moderator for the Catholic Medical Association in November, 2000. Over the past seven years, he has worked with many physicians and healthcare providers and is very knowledgeable about the health insurance industry, as well as being an invaluable advisor for the Catholic Medical Association.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1:15 PM - *The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa*

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LYNNE BISSONNETTE-PITRE, M.D., PH.D.

HEALTHY FAMILIES: SAFE CHILDREN



Dr. Bissonnette-Pitre is in the private practice of psychiatry in Portland, Oregon and has just completed writing an educational series for Bishop Robert Vasa on helping parents to protect children from sexual abuse. She completed her PhD from Johns Hopkins University and received her MD from the University of California in Irvine in 1970. She completed her residency in psychiatry and fellowship in child psychiatry from Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland in 1977. She is a psychiatric consultant for the Archdiocese of Portland and the Diocese of Baker as well as Mt. Angel Seminary. She co founded the Mt. Olive School for Dyslexic and Learning Disabled Children in 1982 . She is a regional director for the CMA, wrote The Regional Director and Guild Guide Book as well as The History of the Catholic Medical Association, and is a master Iconographer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2:45 PM - *Lynne Bissonnette-Pitre, M.D., Ph.D.*

THE NEUROBIOLOGY & PSYCHOLOGY
OF FEMININITY



Dr. Philip Mango is president and co-founder of Saint Michael's Institute for the Psychological Studies in Manhattan. This is an international alliance of psychiatrists, psychologists, and other mental health professionals integrating science with Catholic theology. Its mission is to promote psychological health through treatment, education and consultation to organizations. He's a professional psychotherapist with over 30 years experience doing individual, marital and family therapy. He served as consultant for Mother Teresa of Calcutta regarding the mental health of the poor for 12 years. He has spoken widely on topics related to marriage and gender.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 9:15 AM - Philip Mango, Ph.D.

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THERESA NOTARE, M.A.



CHANGING HUMAN BEHAVIOR: HOW CULTURE, CONTRACEPTION, AND RELIGION COMBINED IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY TO CREATE THE MODERN SEXUAL REVOLUTION

Ms. Theresa Notare has a B.A. in Fine Arts Education and in Religious Studies from Montclair State College in 1979 and 1982, respectively. She received an M.A. in Church History and Theology in 1988 from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She has been assistant director of Diocesan Development Program for Natural Family Planning of the U.S.C.C.B. since 1984 and writes and speaks on issues related to human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood as well as providing direction to diocesan NFP coordinators. She is currently in the Ph.D program at Catholic University of America in Church History.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 10:15 AM - *Theresa Notare*

EFFICACY AND EFFICIENCY IN
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES



Dr. Richard Fehring is Professor of Nursing at Marquette University College of Nursing and is director of the Marquette University Institute for Natural Family Planning. He received his bachelor of science in nursing from Marquette and masters followed by a doctorate in nursing from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 1981. He completed the practitioner and educator programs at Pope Paul VI Institute in 1988 and served as president of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals in 1990. He has a long list of publications, the most recent of which are on the Marquette Method of Natural Family Planning, utilizing the Clearblue Easy™ Fertility Monitor.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 11:00 AM - *Richard Fehring, Ph.D., R.N.*



CONDOMS AND THE HIV EPIDEMIC

Dr. Dawn Reeler is from Zimbabwe and received her MBChB degree from the University of Rhodesia and her Licentiate from the Royal Colleges of Scotland. She has practiced for 28 years in rural and urban Africa as a family practitioner, a primary emergency physician, an anesthetist and as an industrial clinician. She is involved in community HIV prevention, HIV treatment and home care projects. She did a short-term consultancy with WHO/CDC.

MANAGING THE INFERTILE COUPLE



Dr. Stegman received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1981. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, followed by a fellowship with Dr. Thomas Hilgers in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Laser and Microsurgery, Infertility, Endometriosis, and Natural Family Planning at Pope Paul VI Institute in 1993-1994. He is senior fellow with the Westchester Institute for Ethics and the Human Person. He is board certified and is practicing obstetrics and gynecology and infertility as a medical consultant in NaProTechnology at the Center for Women’s Health and Wellness in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2:00 PM - *Mark Stegman, M.D.*

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PILAR VIGIL, M.D.



EFFECTIVENESS OF FERTILITY AWARENESS IN PROMOTING CHASTITY IN YOUNG WOMEN

Dr. Pilar Vigil received her licentiate in medicine and her medical doctor degree from the School of Medicine, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile in 1982 and subsequently specialized in obstetrics and gynecology. She received her Ph.D. in biological sciences, specializing in physiological sciences from the same institution and now is professor of physiological sciences at the Pontifical University. She is widely published and will present her research on the Teen Star® program and its effect on adolescent sexual behavior.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 3:00 PM - *Pilar Vigil, M.D.*

TREATING THE FEMALE PATIENT
WITHOUT THE PILL



Dr. Les Ruppensberger is a board certified gynecologist in private practice at the Center for Women's Health in Langhorne, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1974 and completed his ob-gyn residency at Parkview Hospital, Philadelphia in 1979. He is associate professor of ob-gyn at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a medical advisor for the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and is a certified instructor of natural family planning for the archdiocese. He is a regional director for the Catholic Medical Association as well as a member of the Philadelphia guild.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 3:45 PM - Les Ruppensberger, D.O.

ETHICS IN THE WORKPLACE:
THE DOCTOR-NURSE RELATIONSHIP



Paul J. Voss, Ph.D. is an associate professor of English at Georgia State University and is the founder and president of Ethikos (www.ethikos.com). He received a joint degree in English and philosophy from the College of St. Thomas and a master's in English from San Diego State University in 1991 followed by a Ph.D. in English from the University of California, Riverside in 1995. He is an authority on Shakespeare and Renaissance literature and has given numerous presentations on business ethics.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9:30 AM - Paul Voss, Ph.D.

CONSCIENCE AND
THE CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN



Dr. Brehany received a master's in philosophy from the Center for Thomistic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston in 1987, his licentiate in theology of marriage and family from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, D.C. in 1991 and a Ph.D. in healthcare ethics from the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Saint Louis University in 2003. He served as Executive Director of Mission Services and Ethics at Mercy Medical Center, Sioux City, Iowa, has had teaching experience at Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Oregon, Saint Louis University and the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Medicine. He is the Executive Director of the Catholic Medical Association.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 11:15 AM - *John F. Brehany, Ph.D., S.T.L., M.A.*

HELEN ALVARE, J.D.



THE IMPACT OF CULTURE ON WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Ms. Alvare received her juris doctorate from Cornell University in 1984 and a master's degree in theology from the Catholic University of America in 1989. In 1987 she began work at the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, first in the Office of General Counsel and later as director of information and planning for the bishop's pro-life office. She also served as a spokeswoman for the bishops with the media and testified before Congress on issues concerning abortion, health care and welfare reform. She is an associate professor at Columbus School of Law.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1:15 PM - *Helen Alvare, J.D.*

THE ETHICS AND CLINICAL POTENTIAL
OF STEM CELLS



Dr. David Hess is Professor of Neurology and Chairman of the Department of Neurology at Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. He is also clinical co-director of the Institute of Neuroscience at the Medical College of Georgia. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore in 1983 and completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. He completed his residency in neurology at the Medical College of Georgia. He serves on the Ethics, Law and Humanities Committee of the Academy of Neurology. He has published extensively in the area of stroke, including the use of bone marrow-derived stem cells after cerebral ischemia.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2:00 PM - *David Hess, M.D.*



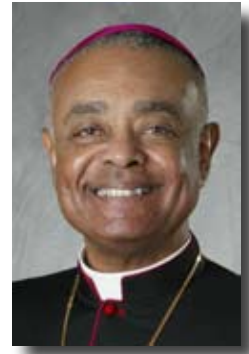
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Father Berg received a licentiate in philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 1996 and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in 1999. His areas of expertise are moral philosophy, particularly natural law theory vs proportionalist systems, bioethics, general medical ethics, and stem cell research. He has had articles published in the National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly and Homiletic and Pastoral Review. He and Edward J. Furton edited the book Human Embryo Adoption: Biotechnology, Marriage and the Right to Life from the NCBC. He is the founder and executive director of the Westchester Institute for Ethics and the Human Person, a Catholic think-tank dedicated to fundamental research on the Western moral tradition. He is a priest of the congregation of the Legionaries of Christ.

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THE MOST REVEREND WILTON D. GREGORY

FACING THE SECULAR CULTURE AS A CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN



Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory was born in Chicago and attended St. Carthage Grammar School where he converted to the Catholic faith. He attended Niles College of Loyola University and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1973. He earned his doctorate in sacred liturgy from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome in 1980. He was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Chicago in 1983 and in 1994 was installed as bishop of Belleville, Illinois. In 2001, he was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and during his tenure the sex abuse crisis in the Church became public, resulting in the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People”. He was installed as the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta in 2005. He has written extensively, including on liturgy in the African-American community and has received five honorary doctorate degrees.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 7:30 PM - *The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory*

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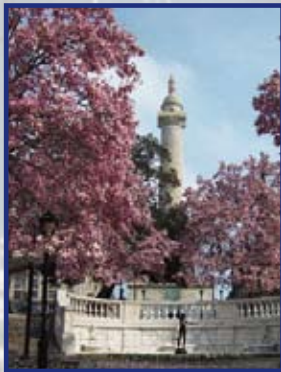
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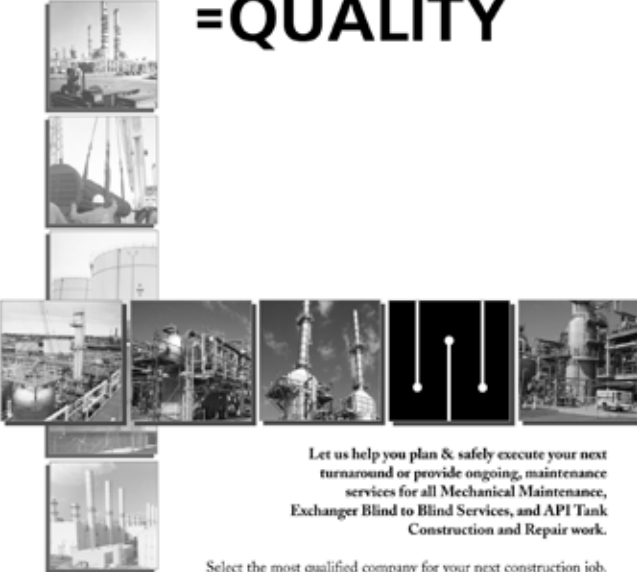
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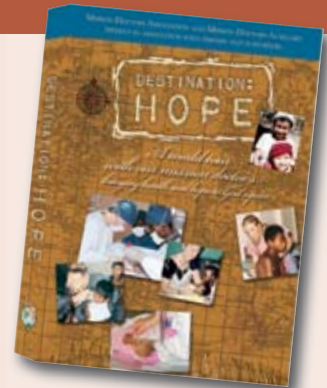
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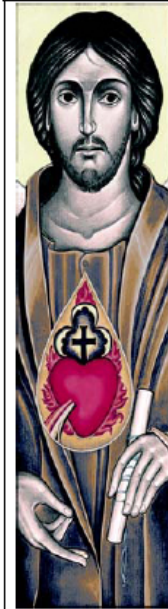
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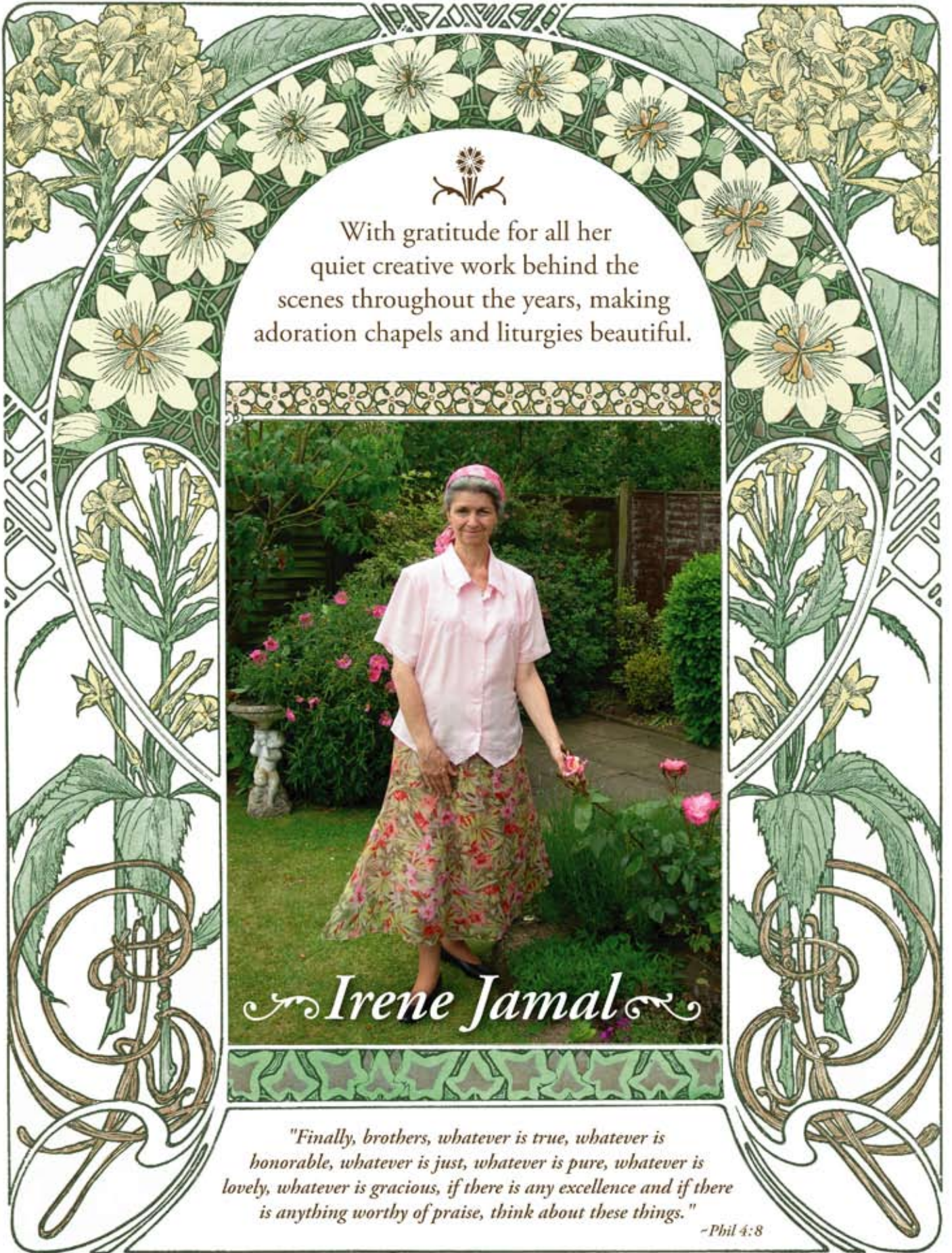
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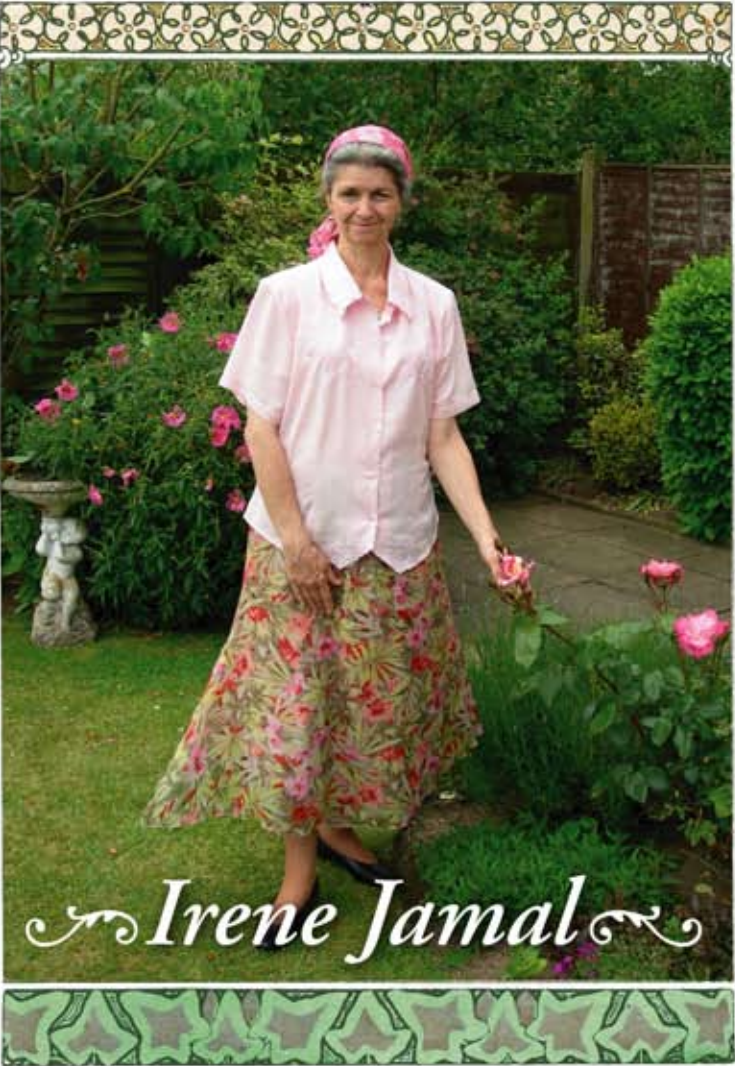
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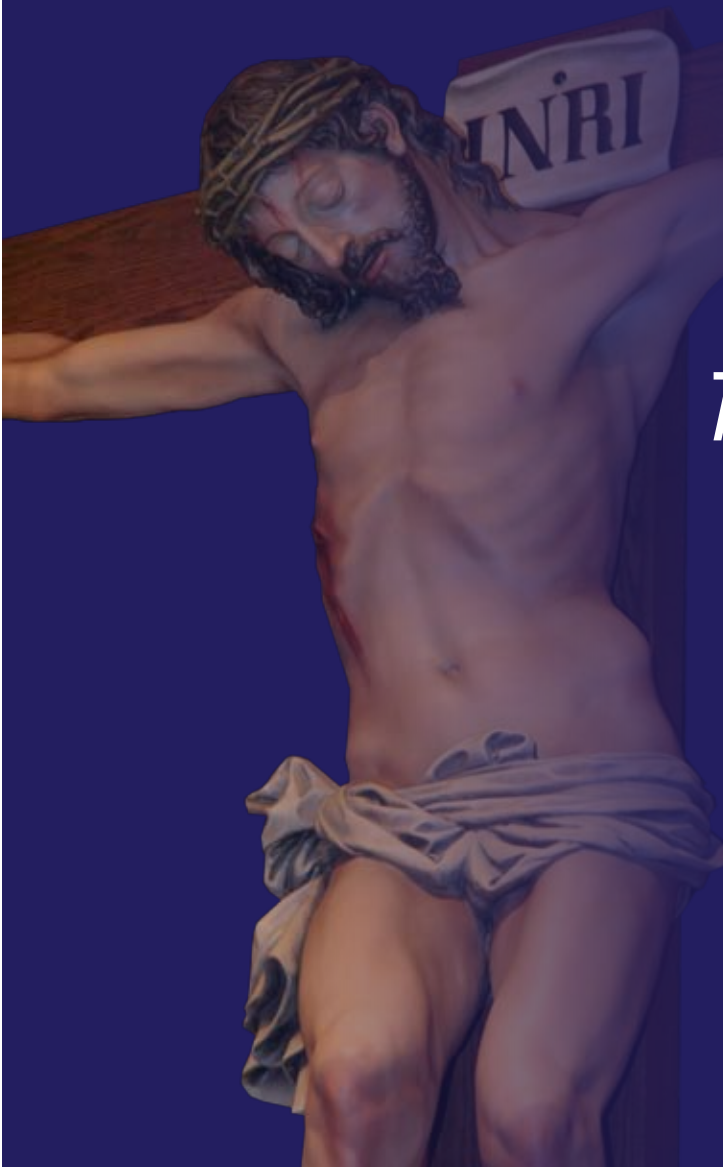
"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

- Phil 4:8

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