# **Program**

8:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer with Catholic Health Association of Ontario 9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks 9:10 a.m. **Opening Address** Fr. Kevin D. O'Rourke Bioethics: A Post Modern Fad or Moral Necessity? 10:10 a.m. Question and Answer Period 10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break 10:45 a.m. Panel Presentation It Takes a Village: An Interprofessional Conversation About Palliative Care 11:45 a.m. Question and Answer Period 12:00 p.m. Lunch with Musical Interlude 1:00 p.m. **Presentation** Dr. Kevin P.D. Smith I Am My Brother's /Sister's Keeper **Question and Answer Period** 2:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m. Refreshment Break 2:30 p.m. Closing Address **Nuala Kenny** Inside Out: Reflections on Moral Meaning from a Doctor-Patient Question and Answer Period 3:30 p.m. 3:50 p.m. Closing Comments

## **Presenters**

# Fr. Kevin D. O'Rourke, OP, JCD, STM

Member of Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics & Health Policy, Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

# Bioethics: A Post Modern Fad or Moral Necessity?

Bioethics is a comparatively new discipline. It seems the profession of medicine survived without it for hundreds of years. What does bioethics add to the profession of medicine? Is it an essential element or simply a modern appendage? What does it add to patient care? What is its moral worth? These questions will be considered in the analysis offered by Kevin O'Rourke.

### **Panel Presentation**

Members of the Interprofessional Team from the Palliative Care Unit at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto

# It Takes a Village: An Interprofessional Conversation About Palliative Care

In affirming an ethic of care at the end of life, interdependence and relationship become even more paramount and every encounter is a place for moral meaning. While symptom management and control of physical pain are crucial, so too is a focus on the dying person's emotional, spiritual and psychological health. This panel of palliative care experts will discuss what dying patients want and how a health care team ought to respond in order to provide a more holistic centred model of care.

### **Presenters**

# Dr. Kevin P.D. Smith, D.Phil, ICD.D

President and CEO, St. Joseph's Health System, Hamilton

# I Am My Brother's/Sister's Keeper

Promoting healthcare today as a place of moral meaning, requires leaders to traverse borders, exploring both the immediate and distant responsibilities of listening to, and meeting, the healthcare needs of citizens of Canada and of the world. Healthcare as a moral endeavour means living the dynamic tension between encountering persons in the local healthcare setting and remaining vigilant to global healthcare concerns, especially so in academic health science centres. It means facing the challenge of diverse and demanding healthcare needs with imaginative and innovative thought and action. This presentation will focus on how one organization has addressed these challenges.

# Nuala Kenny, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C)

Professor Emeritus Dalhousie University Department of Bioethics, Ethics and Health Policy Advisor to the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada and on the Board of Covenant Health, Alberta

# Inside Out: Reflections on Moral Meaning from a Doctor-Patient

Over thirty years of paediatrics schooled me well in understanding that a health care encounter is a place of moral meaning for the patient, their loved ones and their caregivers. A personal experience with a life-threatening condition has strengthened my understanding of moral meaning in illness. It has also provided new insights from the "inside" of patient experience.

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# **Registration Fee:**

(Includes Lunch and Refreshment Breaks)

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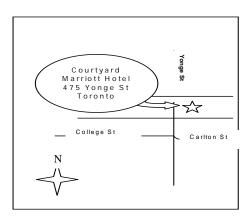
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