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Friday, June 4

12:00-2:00 **Registration**
(2:00-5:00) Additional registration time
12:00-5:00 Refreshments

2:00 **Conference Opening and Welcome**

2:20-3:50 **Panel Sessions I**

A. Life and Cultural Literacy

- “Reception Theory, Political Correctivity, and Literary Analysis of Abortion in Literature from the People’s Republic of China.”
Jeff Koloze (University of Phoenix)
- “A Course at New York University: ‘Abortion: Examining the Issues’”
Evelyn Birge Vitz (New York University)
- “The ‘Lion of Munster’ Rampant: A Rhetorical Analysis of Blessed Clemens von Galen’s Sermon Against the Nazi Euthanasia Program”
Francis Zapatka (American University)

B. Communicating the Sanctity of Life

- “Methods and Resources for Teaching Bioethics to Nurses”
Barbara Freres (Cardinal Stritch University)
- “The Winning Pro-Life Movement: New Rhetoric, Mediums, and Members.”
Michael Barnett (American Life League)
- “Images of the Christchild and the Sanctity of Life – God’s Edict for Man”
William J. Stahl

C. Conscience and the Practice of Medicine

- “Why the 14th Amendment Establishes a Right to Conscience for Pro-life Health Care Workers”
Mark L. Rienzi (The Catholic University of America)
- “Conscience Clauses”
Caroline Newcombe (Southwestern Law School)
- “Conscience and the Common Good: The Case of Catholic Health Care”
Grattan Brown (Belmont Abbey College)

4:00-5:00 **Parallel Addresses I**

- “England Courts Assisted Suicide? The Law Lords and the Purdy Case”
John Keown (Georgetown University)
- “Philosophical and Theological Perspectives on Pro-Life Theory and Action”
James Schall, S. J. (Georgetown University) and Robert Sokowloski (The Catholic University of America)

5:30-7:00 **Dinner**
Food Court Quiet Room, All-You-Can-Eat Dining, CUA Pryzbyla Center
Colonel Brooks Tavern, Monroe Street at the METRO station

7:00 **Plenary Address I**

- “Health Care Reform and the Sanctity of Human Life”
Richard Doerflinger (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

8:30-9:30 **Wine and Cheese Reception**

Saturday, June 5

8:00-8:30 **Catholic Mass, Law School Chapel**
Catholic Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, and 8:30 a.m.

8:35-9:05 **Continental Breakfast**

9:15-10:45 **Panel Sessions II**

A. Philosophy, Bioethics, and the Sanctity of Life

- “Possibility, Probability, and Potentiality”
Jason Eberl (Indiana University-Purdue University)
- “Medicine’s Internal Ethic(s)”
Thomas Cavanaugh (University of San Francisco)
- “Epistemology and Abortion: a Fresh Look”
James Hanink (Loyola Marymount University)

B. Science, Theology, and Caring for Persons

- “GS 27 and the Hierarchy of Intrinsic Evils”
Robert F. Gotcher (Sacred Heart School of Theology)
- “The Relation between Modern Science and Mystery in the Thought of John Paul II”
Peter J. Colosi (Franciscan University, Steubenville)
- “Fetal Abnormality Abortion: Prenatal & Palliative Care”
Elizabeth Ring-Cassidy (Registered Psychologist)

11:00-12:00 **Plenary Address II**

- “Notre Dame and the Sanctity of Human Life”
David Solomon (University of Notre Dame) and Elizabeth Kirk (University of Notre Dame)

12:05-1:15 **Lunch**

1:30-3:00 **Panel Sessions III**

A. Public Policy and the Sanctity of Human Life

- “The Will to Live”
Wanda Franz (National Right to Life)
- “The World Health Organization”
Andrew M. Essig (DeSales University)
- “Aborting Sex: Turning Nature against Children in Gay and Reproductive Rights”
Donald Paul Sullins (The Catholic University of America)

B. Prolife Jurisprudence

- “Toward a Pro-Life Environmental Movement”
Lucia A. Silecchia (The Catholic University of America)
- “A Comment on ‘The Constitutional Law and Politics of Reproductive Rights’”
Richard S. Myers (Ave Maria School of Law)
- “Legal Progressivism, the Constitution, and Abortion”
Richard Esenberg (Marquette University)

3:15-4:15 **Parallel Addresses II**

- “Embodied Equality and Pro-Life Feminism: Debunking the Autonomous Male as Archetype for Sexual Equality”
Erika Bachiochi (Independent Scholar)
- “Health Care Reform: A Pro-Life Perspective and a Pro-Life Response”
William Saunders (Americans United for Life)

4:25-5:00 **Open Microphone**

5:15-6:15 **Catholic Vigil Mass for Sunday,
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

6:30-8:30 **Closing Banquet
Banquet Address**

- “Reflections on the Aftermath of the Born Alive Infant Protections Act”
Hadley Arkes (Amherst College)

8:30-10:30 **Hospitality Suite**

Sunday, June 6

9:00-12:00 **Check-Out**