

Bioethics Topics and Summary, continued:

End of Life Medical Care

Dr. Jacques Mistrot provides practical assistance in this video in preparing for the end of life, exploring medical situations such as palliative care and ordinary and extraordinary measures of preserving life, in light of the dignity of the human person.



Legal Documents for End of Life Planning

Dr. Patrick O'Connell, MD, discusses in detail the health care power of attorney, the living will which is sometimes called an Advance Directive, and the MOST form, a Medical Order for Scope of Treatment, and gives some background and recommendations about their use.

Planning for an Advance Directive

In this short video, (13 minutes) Dr. Jacques Mistrot and Msgr. David Brockman of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh describe some of the good reasons to create an Advance Medical Directive. For more detailed information on End of Life issues, please view the two videos on Legal and Medical End of Life Issues.



Ethics is the effect that morals (knowledge of right and wrong) have on human behavior. Bioethics, then, specifically deals with those patterns of human behavior as applied to the medical field. This encompasses medical research, patient treatments and other general medical issues. These are areas that touch all of our lives in a very personal and sometimes emotional way. This series of talks on Catholic bioethics attempts to bring these issues to light in the fullness of Catholic teaching. The Diocese of Raleigh has released a series of bioethics videos to educate the faithful on the ethical components of often-complicated biological and medical situations.

Visit the Bioethics section of Diocese of Raleigh website for a link to the videos and a summary document with discussion questions for use in your parish when putting on an Education Night.

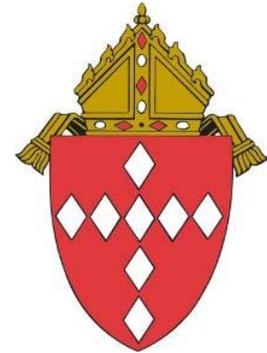
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Bioethics Topics and Brief Summary of Each Video

Conscience Formation

This video describes the role of the conscience in moral decision making. Moral Theologian Rob Agnelli lays the foundation for the ethical considerations in future talks. In today's moral climate, the possibility of truth, especially in the realm of morality, is often dismissed. This video shows how divine revelation and the teachings of the Church can help us discover what is truly good and live in harmony with God.



Abortion



In this talk, Rob Agnelli shows how opposition to abortion is not purely a religious argument, but is based on natural law and reason. This talk gives us concrete ways to refute the “pro-choice” argument.

Prenatal Screening & Catholic Teaching



This video explains the relatively new field of prenatal testing from a Catholic perspective. It describes the tests which are usually offered to expectant parents, including a new non-invasive DNA blood test. Are these prenatal screenings necessary? Are they safe to the mother and to the baby? Are they really considered to be diagnostic? This presentation will help empower expectant couples to know what to expect and what to choose when they go to their doctor for prenatal visits.

Embryonic Stem Cell Research



This talk describes how embryonic stem cell research has so far been unsuccessful in medical research, and also describes the advances that have been made using adult stem cells, which can be harvested with no harm to human life. Retired Cardiologist Dr. Jacques Mistrot gives this talk. Dr. Mistrot is certified by the National Catholic Bioethics Center

in Health Care Ethics.

Death by Neurological Criteria And Organ Donation

This talk, by Dr. Jacques Mistrot explores the theological and neurological criteria for determining death, and the ethics of organ donation.

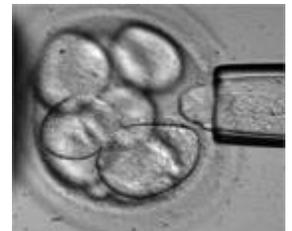


Theology of the Body

Dr. Patrick O'Connell, MD, explores Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, which enlightens us to make intelligent assessments of the many aspects of medical care that address human sexuality. Dr. O'Connell is certified by the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Health Care Ethics.

Infertility

Dr. O'Connell also offers this talk, which provides a pragmatic approach to assessing medical options for treating infertility, drawing from the Theology of the Body and the encyclical, *Donum Vitae*.



Living Out The Gift



In this talk, Jackie Bonk, formerly the Director of Pro-Life for the Diocese of Raleigh and currently certified by the Theology of the Body Institute, unpacks the idea expressed by St. John Paul II that man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself.