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THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

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From the President



Press Statement: The NCBC Welcomes the New ERDs

“I am deeply grateful to the bishops of the United States for this historic update to the *Ethical and Religious Directives*, which are a major touchstone for the mission and work of the NCBC,” said Dr. John A. Di Camillo, President of the

NCBC. “The NCBC faithfully serves many constituents, including bishops, Catholic health care leaders, individual clinicians, and patients and their families, bringing the light and love of Christ to challenging health care questions. We are ready to assist with the implementation of this seventh edition of the ERDs in dioceses and health care systems around the country. Now more than ever, our world needs this clear-sighted moral guidance rooted in the dignity of each human person, body and soul, and directed toward the

common good of families, communities, and our nation. *Deo gratias!*"

Making Sense of Bioethics

Abortion Funding—Cutting Off the Blood Supply

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

"Americans have long been disturbed by the fraud and waste that often surrounds the federal government's use of their tax dollars. They now have further reason to be up in arms because of the way those tax dollars support the practice of abortion, even though such support, technically speaking, remains illegal."

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Education Corner

Registration for the Midyear 2026 NCBC Certification Program course is now open! Online classes begin February 23, 2026.

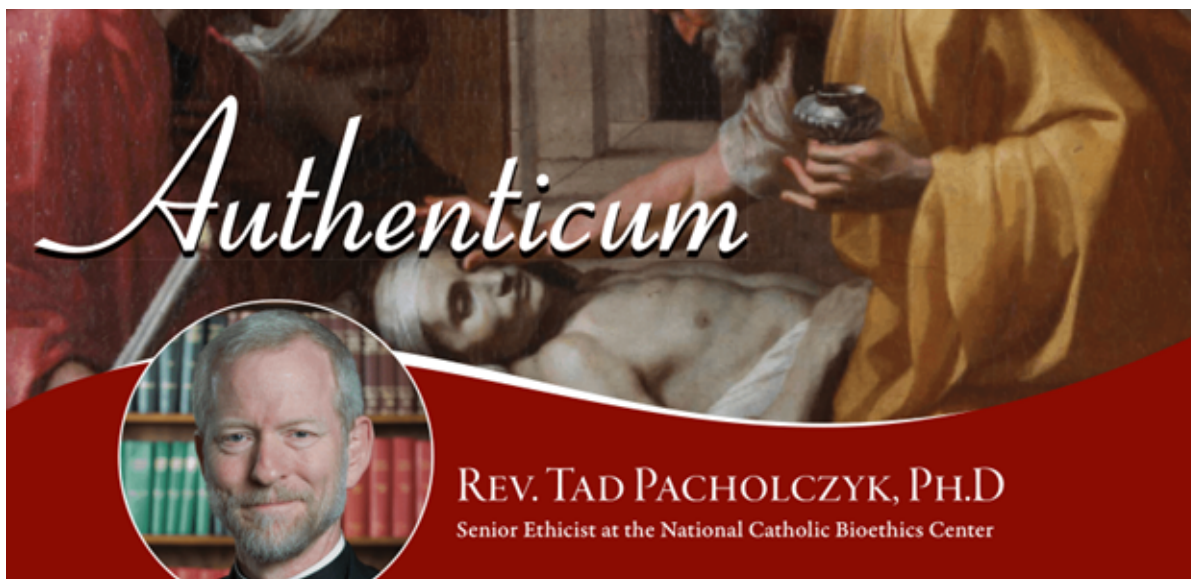
Register today.

The NCBC **Certification Program** is a 30-week (nine-month), online, immersive study in Catholic health care ethics designed for busy professionals. It prepares participants to apply Catholic moral teaching and the Church's authoritative guidance to resolve complex ethical dilemmas encountered in clinical practice, medical education, and research.

For further information about the Certification Program, please contact **Joe Zalot**, NCBC Director of Education, at **215-871-2014** or jzalot@ncbcenter.org.

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Upcoming Events



Authenticum Lecture Series Addressing End of Life Decision-Making

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Grand Rapids, MI

On Wednesday, December 3th in Cebelak Parish Hall, Father Tad will present a talk entitled: **"CATHOLICS AND END OF LIFE DECISIONS: The Gift of Dying Well."** Authenticum is dedicated to the New Evangelization and is one of the region's most distinguished Catholic lecture series. It seeks to awaken as many people as possible to the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness of the Catholic Faith by sponsoring ongoing, exciting lectures on the humanities in the spirit of Philippians 4:8 - "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

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Bioethics and Public Policy

Bioethics Public Policy Report

The NCBC's update on public policy developments in bioethics and health care on the state, federal, and international levels.

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NCBC in the News



Father Tad Addresses Current Topics in Bioethics in the Diocese of Gary, IN

NWI Catholic

Speaking at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs South Campus in Merrillville, Father Tad recently gave two talks addressing current topics: (1) **The Struggle of Infertility**, looking at assisted reproductive technologies, and the moral concerns surrounding *in vitro* fertilization; and (2) **Making Good End of Life Decisions** and discussed a range of topics including pain management, the use of ventilators and feeding tubes, and various ways we can plan for our own end of life care.

Experts Lay Out Facts, Ethics of Fertility Treatments

Hawaii Catholic Herald

NCBC Director of Education, Joe Zalot, spoke to individuals at an event sponsored by the Diocese of Honolulu's Respect Life Office addressing fertility treatments. He and the President of Human Life International, Father Shenan Boquet, explained how restorative reproductive medicine - endorsed by the Church - is safer, more effective, and less expensive than IVF, which commodifies embryonic human persons and separates the procreative and unitive aspects of the marital act.

How These Catholic Ministries Help Parents Choose Life for Babies with Disabilities

iObserve.org

Be Not Afraid is a nonprofit dedicated to supporting parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis; it focuses on training pro-life and Catholic organizations nationwide and referring parents to them. The NCBC is named as being among major organizations that have partnered with BNA to create [PrenatalDiagnosis.org](https://prenataldiagnosis.org), a resource for parents facing a prenatal diagnoses.

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Are you a doctor, nurse, patient, health care power of attorney, scientific researcher, medical student or resident, or someone else facing tough ethical decisions in health care and biomedical research? Are you a priest, chaplain, friend, family member, or someone else asked to advise on these matters? Our team is here to help you understand and apply the moral teachings of the Catholic Church to the challenges you face:

[Request a Free Ethics Consultation](#)

Please pray for our work and consider financially supporting our mission of defending the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research!

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