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The Moral Mind



Murillo, Bartolomé Esteban. *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. 1667/1670. National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

Forgiveness and Transformation

Joseph Meaney, PhD, KM

Catholic bioethics is centered on seeking to do what is good and avoiding violations of the moral law in health care and scientific research. It should also be concerned with the deep healing that can come from asking for and giving forgiveness. The Christian moral tradition centers on our redemption accomplished by the incarnation of Jesus Christ and his taking on himself the Passion and crucifixion to pay the price for the guilt of all humanity's sins. The main prayer that Our Lord composed for us calls everyone to ask God for forgiveness for our trespasses but also adds that we should forgive those who trespass against us in equal measure.

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Education Corner

The NCBC is hosting a Two-Day Seminar at St. John Cantius Parish in Chicago, IL on April 24-25, 2026. The seminar, which addresses current topics in bioethics, will benefit health care professionals, medical and nursing students, clergy and religious, those involved in research in the life sciences, and those who provide spiritual support and counsel to patients and their families.

Up to ten clinical medical education units (CMEs) are available for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and nurse practitioners. Individuals who seek to better understand and advance the Church's moral tradition in health care will also find the seminar accessible, educational, and informative.

For general information on NCBC Two-Day Seminars, click [here](#). To register for the Chicago seminar, click [here](#).

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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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Recent Events



The graphic is a blue rectangular box with a circular inset image of St. John Cantius Church. The text is white and red. It reads: 'NCBC Bioethics Seminar', 'Continuing Education Credits 9 CMEs Available', 'Registration Now Open!', 'Friday & Saturday APRIL 24 & 25, 2026', and 'St. John Cantius Church Chicago, IL'.



On the Beauty of Human Life and Love

Father Tad Pacholczyk, Senior Ethicist at the NCBC, spoke to parishioners at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in San Diego about “The Good of Love & Life: Contraception and Catholicism” on March 10th. This presentation was derived from Father Tad's **"Catholicism & Contraception"** talk (from his “Seeking the Moral Path” video series), which he delivered in person to the parish.

Father Tad Addresses Clergy Deanery Gathering in San Diego

Father Tad addressed a group of Catholic priests at a Deanery meeting in San Diego, California on March 11th. He spoke on the topic of “Thinking Through Physician-Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia.” He started off with the high-profile Britney Maynard case from a few years ago and examined some of the common but flawed arguments employed to try to justify these practices, such as “Quality of Life” arguments, and “extreme pain and suffering” scenarios. This presentation was derived from Father Tad's **"The Gift of Dying Well"** talk (from his “Seeking the Moral Path” video series), which he delivered in person to the deanery.



Cutting Edge Issues in Human Embryo Research — New Developments in the Biosciences and Bioethics

Father Tad spoke at the *Together We Advocate Pro-Life Conference in Portland, Oregon*. He addressed new and controversial ways to create human embryos, ranging from human embryo cloning, to 3-parent embryos, to the creation of embryoid models or “stembryos,” as well as the ethical concerns surrounding the use of human fetal tissues derived from elective abortions in NIH-funded scientific investigations. For additional information on this topic, see Father Tad’s talk on [Ethics and Embryos](#).

Video, Radio, and Podcasts



A Priest's Thoughts on Neuralink... | Bioethics w/ Fr. Tad Pacholczyk

Catholic Answers Live Radio

Father Tad Pacholczyk, Senior Ethicist at the NCBC, joined Edgar Luhano live-in-person at the Catholic Answers Studios in San Diego for a call-in radio show where they discussed Elon Musk's Neuralink which involves the surgical implantation of a set of electrodes into a patients' brain to enable him or her to control external devices, such as keyboards, through their thoughts. They also fielded a number of caller questions, including concerns related to the disposition of "left over" frozen embryos produced by *in vitro* fertilization.

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NCBC in the News

Life Legal Challenges Delaware Assisted Suicide Law in Federal Appeals Court

Standard Newswire

Life Legal Defense Foundation filed an amicus brief in the US Court of Appeals, urging the court to reject Delaware's assisted suicide law and reaffirm the government's duty to protect human life. The brief argues that physician-assisted suicide undermines a fundamental principle of American law to defend life, not facilitate its destruction. The NCBC is one of the organizations joining the brief. To read our amicus brief, click [here](#).

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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:

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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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The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) provides education, guidance, and resources to the Church and society to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research, thereby sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church. The NCBC envisions a world in which the integral understanding of the human person underlying Catholic teaching on respect for human life and dignity is better understood and more widely embraced in America and worldwide.

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