



Obstetrics & Gynaecology and compassion



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Obstetrics
is a medicine
of motherhood



How the practice
of obstetrics and
gynecology have
changed recently

The pressure on Catholic obstetricians

MaterCare International
as a response for
Encyclical Humanae Vitae,
Catholic professionals
and patient's needs

The four „C” attributes
of the Catholic obstetrician
and gynaecologist are:
Competence, Compassion,
Conviction and Community
(Robert Walley, 2001)

Firstly,
Catholic obstetricians
must be obstetrically
COMPETENT

Secondly,
the Catholic obstetricians must
appreciate
that profound
COMPASSION
is necessary

Thirdly,
they must have the
CONVICTION
that Catholic teaching on
morals, magisterially guided,
is true and should be observed

Fourthly,
this involves their appreciation
of the nature of society at large
and of each particular local
COMMUNITY .

Medicine
comes from the instinct
to help suffering people

Mercy and compassion
are the contents of God's
dialogue with man, dialogue
between people, it should also be
present
in the dialogue of medical
personnel with the patient

Doctors, nurses, midwives
should be rich in compassion,
they have many
opportunities
to show it.

Caring for the sick
requires professionalism
and tenderness, selfless gestures
that are immediate and simple
(JP II, February 11, 1984).

A human doctor
should meet a human patient.
Compassion and love
will come out to meet suffering.
Not only prescribed medications
or performed surgery,
but also this love will help the
sufferer to endure difficult times.

But the Samaritan in the
Gospel
not only offers compassion,
he is also ready to act
to alleviate suffering.
He does not regret his time
and material resources.

Holy Father Francis
in his Message for the XXIV World Day of
the Sick

(September 15, 2015) wrote:

"Every hospital or clinic can be a visible
sign
and place of promoting
a culture of meeting and peace,
where the experience of illness and
suffering,
as well as professional and brotherly help,
contribute to overcoming all boundaries
and divisions".

The obstetricians &
gynecologists
are in a special situation.
Professionally, they deal
with medical problems
of an intimate nature
and high emotional charge

They deal with maternity medicine,
by its nature aimed at affirming
the miracle of life, not its negation,
at the protection of the life
and health of mothers and children
based on natural law.

It is necessary
to take care of the
ecology
of the woman's and
mother's womb

They need to convey bad news
in a matter-of-fact way
with compassion,
do not call the unborn child a
fetus, and the expectant mother
as a future mother.

Christian mercy and
compassion
are not an uncritical
submission
or a pity

We will strengthen the sick woman
mentally
when we present the diagnosis
and prognosis clearly, reliably
but with love and compassion,
when we honestly inform
what medical procedure we consider
unethical and propose a different one.

Mercy and compassion
for ourselves

Medicine
is not a morally
neutral occupation

Benedict XVI wrote:

"Christian love does not mean
rubber views
giving in to any pressure,
but it contains an element of
struggle
and opposition".

A Catholic doctor's refusal
to prescribe contraceptives,
perform artificial reproductive techniques
or abortion procedures
is not a manifestation
of the doctor's lack of mercy for the patient,
but a manifestation of their interest in
patient's and own salvation.

Gynecologist & obstetrician should be
a servant of life,
not a man to be hired to do any job,
a harbinger of death,
a judge,
and an executioner
at the same time.

Each member
of the interdisciplinary
team
should have basic
competence
in spiritual care

Does defending life
require heroism from
doctors?

The opponents of the freedom
of conscience
want its removal from medical
practice,
demand the selection
of candidates for medical studies
or specialization training ,
primarily in obstetrics and gynecology.

We need witnesses among doctors
who will demonstratively stand on the side of
life, freedom of conscience.

Who will be able to convince others, that
lawlessness
pretending to be law
can ultimately be overcome
by the voluntary suffering
of those who are faithful to their conscience
(Szymik).

When we remember
how much we have received from
God, we will more easily give mercy
to our neighbour,
we will also be protected from pride,
boasting about doing good,
and from empty philanthropy.

I experienced the greatness
of God's mercy in my life,
of its great, cleansing and
salutary power.

I feel it every day
and often publicly
thank good God for it.

I hope that my colleagues,
who are not yet working in accordance
with their faith and conscience,
still succumb to the pressure of their superiors,
or the liberal media
will wake up one day, feel the need to wash in this
"morning dew of mercy"
and go on a different, better path to God's glory
and salvation of their souls,
protecting, in accordance with His calling,
not only the health of mothers and children,
but also and above all the sanctity of their lives.

Thank you



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