

St. André International Center

X for Ethics and Integrity

Health Care Ethics – Catholic Perspectives

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An intensive ethics seminar organized in cooperation
with the Pontifical Academy Pro Vita, Vatican City
and the Château Saint André Center, France

Seminar objective

Care of the sick and dying has always been a core Christian ministry. For much of the past two millennia, the local hospice or clinic run by Catholic sisters was the only health care facility in town. Today, many hospitals, ambulance services, rehabilitation clinics, and nursing homes continue to be affiliated with the Catholic church. In this seminar we will explore the values, tenets and principles that shape 21st century Catholic health care. In addition, we will discuss whether and how these same principles can also enhance the care offered in secular institutions.

Approach

Whereas internationally renowned experts will introduce the themes, the core of this seminar will be a sustained discussion among all participants. Conversations will extend from the classroom to excursions to relevant cultural sites in Rome, and many shared meals. Participants are invited to prepare a short presentation to stimulate still more dialogue. Professionals of all disciplinary backgrounds are welcome as well as students. Registration is limited to 20 persons.

Teaching Staff

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Location

Plenary meetings will take place at the headquarters of the Pontifical Academy for Life in Trastevere, the neighborhood of Rome just west of the Tiber. Information about travel as well as recommendations about lodging in that area will be made available online.

