About The Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin served as the Archbishop of Chicago until his death in 1996. He is most known for his commitment to peace and reconciliation and is the author of The Gift of Peace, written in the last months of his life. The Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry was formed at his blessing to continue his work in the areas of reconciliation and peace-making, interreligious dialogue, the consistent ethic of life, leadership development for the Church, and Catholic Common Ground. Through educational initiatives, theological research, and public lectures and conferences, The Bernardin Center fosters an understanding of these issues closely associated with Cardinal Bernardin’s legacy.

The Schedule of the Day

9:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m.  Welcome
  Sheila Mclaughlin, Director,
  The Bernardin Center
10:15 a.m.  Opening Remarks
  Featuring Rev. Michael Place, STD,
  Senior Vice President of Social Mission
  and Ministerial Development at Resurrection Health Care
  and former CEO of the Catholic Health Association
10:30 a.m.  Panel One: Methodology of the Consistent Ethic of Life
  Featuring James J. Walter, PhD,
  Thomas Nairn, OFM, PhD, and
  Patricia Beattie Jung, PhD
Noon  Lunch (complimentary)
1:00 p.m.  Panel Two: Health Care, College Students, and Ministry in a Divided Church
  Featuring Ronald P. Hamel, PhD,
  Elizabeth Brinkmann, RSCJ, PhD, and
  Regina Wentzel Wolfe, PhD
2:30 p.m.  Break
2:45 p.m.  Panel Discussion Three: Expanding Contexts
  Featuring M. Therese Lyautaugh, PhD,
  Dawn Nathwehr, OSF, PhD, and
  Thomas A. Shannon, PhD
4:15 p.m.  Closing Remarks
4:30 p.m.  Reception

Register by Friday, November 21

To register, send an email with your name as you would like it to appear on your nametag to bernardincenter@ctu.edu or call 773.371.5432.

There is no fee to attend this seminar. Complimentary parking is available.
Join us…

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin gave his first lecture on the “consistent ethic of life” at Fordham University on December 6, 1983. In this talk, and in those that would follow, he created an unbreakable connection between moral issues that challenge life including abortion, capital punishment, war, and social justice.

On the 25th anniversary of that first lecture, The Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry is hosting the “Consistent Ethic of Life Seminar.” This seminar will feature leading Catholic ethicists who contributed essays to the new book, *The Consistent Ethic of Life*, due to be released in November 2008. This is the second of two books published this year. The first, *The Seamless Garment*, includes all of Cardinal Bernardin’s lectures on the “consistent ethic of life.” Both books are edited by Thomas Nairn, OFM, PhD and published by Orbis Books.

The content of the day’s presentations will reflect the topics covered in the chapters of this new book.

About the Presenters:

**Elizabeth Brinkmann, RSCJ, PhD** is an assistant professor of Religious Studies at the College of New Rochelle, NY where she teaches a variety of courses in Christian theology and ethics. She earned an MA from the Graduate Theological Union and a PhD in Roman Catholic Theological Ethics with a specialization in biomedical ethics from Boston College.

**Ronald P. Hamel, PhD** is senior director of ethics for the Catholic Health Association of the United States. Previously, he was director of the Department of Clinical Ethics at Lutheran General Hospital-Advocate, in Park Ridge, Illinois. Hamel earned his doctorate in theological ethics from Fordham University, New York. His area of specialization is health care ethics. He has lectured widely to health care professionals, has served on numerous hospital ethics committees, was a member of the Health Care Ethics Commission of the Archdiocese of Chicago, serves as resource ethicist to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and is a fellow in the Institute of Medicine of Chicago. Hamel has authored many articles in health care ethics and has edited several books.

**Patricia Beattie Jung, PhD** is professor of Christian Ethics and Obstetrics & Gynecology at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri. She earned her PhD from Vanderbilt University. Her areas of specialization are human sexuality and gender issues and sexual ethics. Professor Jung has edited or co-edited four books, co-authored one book, and has written several book chapters and articles. She is the co-chair of the Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics and co-chair of their editorial board as well as a member of the editorial board for The Journal of Religious Ethics. Professor Jung has been a member of the editorial committee since 1999 for The Church’s Center for Theology and Public Policy/Abingdon Press, Theology and Public Policy Series.

**M. Therese Lyght, PhD** is an associate professor and assistant chair of the department of theology at Marquette University. Her specializations are in the areas of moral theology and bioethics. She has served as an NIH/ESI Fellow at the University of Iowa, working in a lab involved in the work of the Human Genome Project. Subsequently, she served a three-year appointment on the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (RAC) of the National Institutes of Health. Lyght has earned an MA in Theology at the University of Notre Dame and a PhD in Theological Ethics from Duke University. The author of more than 40 articles and book chapters, she coedited her first book in 2007 and is currently working on two book projects. In 2008, she was appointed to the U.S. Catholic-Bishops’ Theological Consultation under the auspices of the U.S.CC.B*

**Thomas Nairn, OFM, PhD**, a Franciscan priest of the Sacred Heart Province, is the senior director of ethics for the Catholic Health Association. Formerly, he was the Etica and Harry John Family Professor of Catholic Ethics at Catholic Theological Union and Director of Health Care Mission Leadership. Fr. Nairn earned an MA and MDiv from Catholic Theological Union and a PhD from the University of Chicago. Although interested in a wide range of ethical issues, most of Fr. Nairn’s research has been in the area of life care ethics. His current work has been in areas such as end of life issues, genetics, the intersection between religious and cultural values in health care decision making, and organizational ethics. Fr. Nairn is a nationally recognized expert in health care ethics.

**Dawn Nathwehr, OSF, PhD** is an associate professor of ethics at Catholic Theological Union. She earned her MA at Marquette University and her PhD from Marquette University. Her major interests include mutuality as a formal norm, the ethics of power from a feminist perspective, and the relationship of ethics and spirituality. Professor Nathwehr’s research has involved how to deal with the “Other” that is created when moral disagreement occurs, and how Franciscan theology shapes ethology and ecological ethics. She is the author of *Mutuality: A Formal Norm for Christian Social Ethics and editor of Franciscan Theology of the Environment: An Introductory Reader*

**Thomas A. Shannon, PhD** is the Paul E. McKiever Chair in Medical Ethics for St. John’s University’s department of theology and religious studies. He is professor emeritus of religion and social ethics at Warner Pacific College. Shannon’s areas of specialization include religious ethics and bioethics. He earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from St. Joseph’s Seminary, a Master of Sacred Theology from Boston University School of Theology, and a PhD from Boston University. A pioneer in the field of bioethics, Professor Shannon participated in the Human Genome Project. He received the first grant to examine the relationship between religious issues and genetics. He is the author of several books including, *The Context of Casuistry, Genetic Engineering: A Documentary History, Made in Whose Image? Genetic Engineering and Christian Ethics, American Catholic Social Teaching and A Call to Fidelity*, and *On The Moral Theology of Charles Curran*.