

SELECTED READING LIST for Catholic Health Care Professionals

I. CHURCH MAGISTERIAL DOCUMENTS

To Doctors and Medical Personnel

...we hold those physicians and medical personnel in the highest esteem who, in the exercise of their profession, value above every human interest the superior demands of their Christian vocation. Let them persevere, therefore, in promoting on every occasion the discovery of solutions inspired by faith and right reason. ...

—Pope Paul VI, *Humanae Vitae* #27

PAPAL TEACHING

On the **Regulation of Birth** (*Humanae Vitae*) 1968 Pope St. Paul VI

On the Christian Meaning of **Human Suffering** (*Salvifici Doloris*) 1984 Pope St. John Paul II

The **Gospel of Life** (*Evangelium Vitae*) 1995 Pope St. John Paul II

CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

Declaration on Procured **Abortion** 1974

Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning **Sexual Ethics** (*Persona Humana*) 1975

Declaration on **Euthanasia** 1980

On the Pastoral Care of **Homosexual Persons** 1986

Instruction on Respect for **Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation** (*Donum Vitae*) 1987

Responses to Questions Proposed Concerning “**Uterine Isolation**” 1993

Instruction on **Prayers for Healing** 2000

Considerations Regarding...**Unions between Homosexual Persons** 2003

Responses to Certain Questions Concerning **Artificial Nutrition and Hydration** 2007

Instruction *Dignitas Personae* on **Certain Bioethical Questions** 2008

Clarification on Procured **Abortion** 2009

Letter *Samaritanus Bonus* on the Care of Persons in the **Critical and Terminal Phases of Life**
2020

Note on the Morality of Using Some **Anti-Covid-19 Vaccines** 2020

II. PONTIFICAL ACADEMY FOR LIFE

Statement on the So-Called “**Morning-After Pill**” 2000

Declaration on the Production and the Scientific and Therapeutic Use of Human **Embryonic Stem Cells** 2000

Respect for the **Dignity of the Dying** 2000

Prospects for **Xenotransplantation**. Scientific Aspects and Ethical Considerations 2001

“Ethics of **Biomedical Research**. For a Christian Vision” 2003

“The **Dignity of Human Procreation** and Reproductive Technologies. Anthropological and Ethical Aspects” 2004

Joint Statement on the **Vegetative State** 2004

Examining “**Quality of Life, Ethics of Health**” 2005

Moral Reflections on **Vaccines** Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses 2005

“**Christian Conscience** in Support of the Right to Life” Final Declaration by the 13th General Assembly 2007

III. CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Homosexuality and Hope
Statement of the Catholic Medical Association 2000

Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Fetuses
A Statement of the Catholic Medical Association 2006