

National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada

Issue 4: October 14, 2019

Time-sensitive Announcements:

A workshop for professionals accompanying people in places where professional, legal and faith questions intersect. Open also to faith leaders and the public.

Helping People at the Intersection of Faith, Ethics, and the New Laws

Presented by Dr. Moira McQueen, LL.B., MDiv, Ph.D.

Wednesday October 16 at 7:00pm

**at St John the Compassionate Mission
155 Broadview Avenue, Toronto**

Good-will offering only

Dr. McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, is a moral theologian, professor, and expert in questions of ethics, theology, and the law.

Presented by Dr. Moira McQueen, LL.B., MDiv, Ph.D.

Wednesday October 16 at 7:00pm at St John the Compassionate Mission
155 Broadview Avenue, Toronto

Good-will offering only

Dr. McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, is a moral theologian, professor, and expert in questions of ethics, theology, and the law.

St. Macrina Counselling Services stmacrinaservices@gmail.com Charitable Registration
85168 5909 RT0001

Join student nurses and recent graduates

5:30 p. m. Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday October 29

Our group will sit at the front left near the lectern.

We will find a restaurant nearby for supper following Mass.



**NACN-Canada
Annual General Meeting
Monday, Nov. 11, 2019**

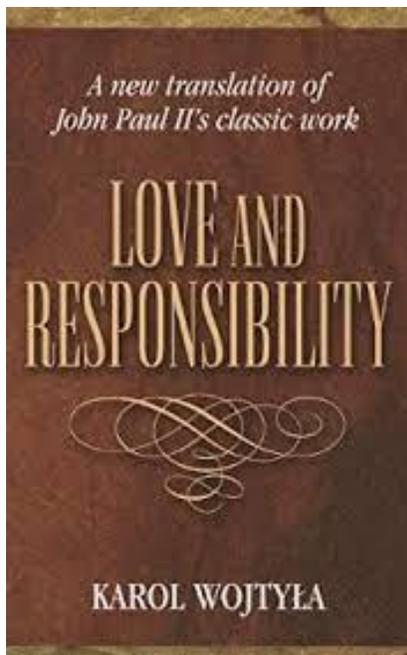
Newman Centre, 89 St. George St., Toronto

Mass at 5:30 pm in St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

Meeting to follow

Speaker: Terry McDermott, RN, Parish Nurse

“Bearing witness to the dignity of human life in nursing practice”



[Love and Responsibility Book Club](#)

St. Peter's Church Rectory

659 Markham Street

Toronto

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Every second Thursday evening

**Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7,
Nov. 21, 2019**

Contact: Jim McGee

mcgee.jimmie@gmail.com

Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians and Societies conference 2019



Seven members of NACN-Canada, including sponsored students, attended the 2019 Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians and Societies conference in Toronto. Shown in the photo from left to right are Helen McGee, President-Elect, NACN-Canada; His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; His Excellency Bishop Gregory Bittman; Stephanie De Guzman; and Marisa Mendes. Photo credit: Mr. **Gajraj**

“Being an attendee at this year’s CFCPS conference was one of the most eye-opening experiences that I have ever had. I was able to listen in on topics that I have never heard about throughout my life - one being gender dysphoria. Aside from the presentations, I was able to network and meet new like-minded individuals, from all across Canada, whom I will keep in contact with along my journey towards becoming a registered nurse. Although I am a first year nursing student, attending this conference showed me how important it is that others be involved in such healthcare-focused events as they undoubtedly arouse curiosity. Surely, I will use and keep in mind the information I have gained from this conference as I embark on my path in pursuit of a nursing degree. Thanks to NACN, I was able to attend such an enlightening conference. I express my deepest gratitude to this association and am excited to partake in future events.” Stephanie De Guzman

“This past month, I had the pleasure of being sponsored by NACN to attend the 11th Annual CFCPS Conference of 2019. I felt very blessed to be welcomed into the Catholic healthcare community and to participate in a weekend filled with inspiring and eye-opening workshops. As a Catholic nursing student, it has been challenging to understand how to navigate a field that is filled with moral dilemmas. Attending this conference gave me hope. It was very comforting to know that there is guidance available from supportive professionals who share my faith as well as my passion for caring for others. I know I will remember the impact this conference had on me as I finish my final year of school and continue on my journey of being a nurse. I am looking forward to attending future events and being an active member of such an amazing society.” Marisa Mendes

The *Truchon et Gladu* decision and its impact on people with disabilities

Please control+click to follow the link to these news articles.

<https://cacl.ca/2019/10/04/advocates-call-for-disability-rights-based-appeal-of-the-quebec-superior-courts-decision-in-truchon-gladu/>

<https://www.mercatornet.com/careful/view/in-us-and-canada-end-of-life-laws-endanger-people-with-disabilities/22951>

NACN-Canada members in the Toronto area are encouraged to attend events at the Newman Centre, 89 St. George St. at Harbord St. See events here: <http://www.newmantoronto.com/>

If you would like to send the NACN-Canada Annual General Meeting announcement to your own parish, here is the text sent to the archtoronto communications office:

Annual General Meeting, National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada

Monday, Nov. 11 – 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Newman Centre

89 St. George St., Toronto

Join the National Association of Catholic Nurses – Canada for the Annual General Meeting following Mass at 5:30 p.m. Terry McDermott, RN, Parish Nurse, will discuss “Bearing witness to the dignity of human life in nursing practice.” NACN-Canada board members will then present reports on association activities and engage members in planning for 2020. Our association supports health professionals to align their practice with the Catholic faith.

CONTACT: National Association of Catholic Nurses - Canada

EMAIL: nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com

WEB: <https://nacncanada.weebly.com>

This newsletter invites NACN-Canada members to participate in the first four goals of the association:

1. To integrate members’ prayer life and participation in the sacraments with their moral life and professional practice
2. To mentor or be mentored by Catholic colleagues in the health professions
3. To access resources related to ethical issues in health care
4. To endorse written and oral submissions that contribute to public discourse on health care issues
5. To participate in research regarding issues of interest to the association
6. To learn about volunteer service opportunities