

A Sign of Contradiction

-Luke 2:34

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae

Calling people of science, medical professionals, families, priests, and religious! Come to an afternoon conference to revisit Pope Paul VI's famous encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*. We will learn about its historical development, its prophetic message and what it means for us now 50 years later.

WHEN: Saturday July 7, 2018

Noon—5:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter Parish Hall

285 W. Water Street

Chillicothe, OH 45601

Cost: \$20 per person / \$35 per family

CONTACT: Judy Harness, Family-Life Coordinator, 740-774-1407

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- **Sr. Renee Mirkes** a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Manitowoc, WI. She serves as director of the Center for NaProEthics [the ethics division of the Pope Paul VI Institute, Omaha, NE]
 - **Dr. Ashley K. Fernandes**, President Trustee of Ohio Right to Life, Associate Director of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital.
 - **Dr. Alicia Thompson**, DO--Ob-Gyn Westar Ob/Gyn Westerville, Ohio; Medical Consultant for Creighton Model FertilityCare and NaPro Technology
- Fr. Adam Streitenberger OFS**—priest of Diocese of Columbus



Pre-registration by June 25th by phone or email: St. Peter Church 740-774-1407 or secretary@stpeterchillicothe.com . Lunch provided by BFI Catering.



Sister Renée Mirkes, OSF, PhD is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Manitowoc, WI. She serves as director of the Center for NaProEthics [the ethics division of the Pope Paul VI Institute, Omaha, NE] and was editor of its ethics publication, *The NaPro-Ethics Forum*, from 1996 to 2002. In her current position, she deals with procreative and birth ethics through consultations, publications, and public speaking. To these commitments Sr. Renée brings experience in clinical ethics as well as broad experience in bioethics as a research fellow from 1987-1990 with the National Catholic Bioethics Center (formerly the Pope John Center: Houston, TX). One of her recent projects is the designed execution of two programs to be used in dioceses for clergy education days that deal with the ethics of family planning and reproductive technologies. Sister Renée was appointed to the Nebraska Bioethics Advisory Commission by University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith in 2000. She is a founding member and serves on the board of *Nebraska Coalition for Ethical Research*. Sister Renee has also been appointed chair of the Legislative Committee of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals and spearheads its website focus on protecting healthcare rights of conscience in reproductive medicine. Sister Renee has published articles in *The Journal of Philosophy and Medicine; Ethics & Medics; New Blackfriars; The Thomist; Linacre Quarterly; The American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly; Catholic Answer; Our Sunday Visitor; The NaPro-Ethics Forum; National Catholic Bioethics Center Quarterly; Ethics and Medicine, and The Catholic Response.*



Dr. Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD, is the Associate Director of the Center for Bioethics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital. He received an MA in Philosophy from Johns Hopkins University; an MD from The Ohio State University; and a PhD in Philosophy (Bioethics) from Georgetown University. Dr. Fernandes is board certified in General Pediatrics. Focusing on bioethics and professionalism education scholarship, he also practices both hospital and ambulatory pediatrics. Dr. Fernandes is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, an elected member of the AAP's Executive Committee on Bioethics, a member of the AOA Medical Honor Society, and a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, receiving the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine award in 2010. He has been the recipient of numerous teaching awards, most recently The Ohio State University College of Medicine's "Courage to Teach" and "Inspire" Awards. Dr. Fernandes is a Presidential Board of Trustee of Ohio Right to Life, and has been active in the pro-life movement since high school. Dr. Fernandes has been a member of the Catholic Medical Association since medical school, and is a member of their national speaker board, traveling across the country to speak on issues in Catholic bioethics. He is also an advisor to the CMA Medical Student Section, which awarded him the national Mentor of the Year Award in 2015. He lives with his wife Shruti (a family physician) and two boys in Dublin, Ohio.



Dr. Alicia Thompson, DO MPH is a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist practicing in Westerville, Ohio. Originally from Florida, she moved to Ohio on active duty assignment as a physician in the US Air Force. After separating from the military, she entered into private practice. Dr. Thompson's experiences in women's health were directly responsible for her conversion to Christianity and ultimately Catholicism. While she works as a comprehensive women's health provider, she has specific interest and training in fertility awareness based methods of family planning and non-contraceptive management of gynecologic health issues.



Fr. Adam Streitenberger OFS, priest of Diocese of Columbus and member of Secular Franciscans. He is working on a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (New Evangelization) through Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit and resides at St Joseph's Cathedral in Columbus. Prior to his residence in Columbus, he served as pastor of the Catholic parishes in Portsmouth.