

In Sickness and in Health: Theology, Medicine, and Care for the Whole Person

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Call for Papers

Villanova University's Theology Institute will sponsor a conference on theology and medicine on October 1, 2012. The conference will foster dialogue between theologians and medical practitioners beyond the common meeting ground of bioethics. Our goals are to examine the profession and practice of medicine in conversation with theological scholarship and religious practice, and to reassess theological convictions and religious practices in light of medical expertise and experience.

We invite paper proposals from theological, religious studies, and medical disciplines. We encourage proposals that consider one of our four central themes: 1) the primary viewpoints and mutual implications of theology and medicine: theological and medical perspectives on illness, health; the difference between curing and healing and the respective domains of medicine and theology; the import of medical knowledge and clinical experience for theology; theologies of medicine; 2) the medical profession: medicine as a ministry; the vocation of nursing; medicine, spirituality, and pastoral care; medical ethics as a social justice enterprise; 3) religion and medicine: the impact of religious affiliation on patient care in institutional health care environments; relationships between faith and medicine; 4) Catholic Social Teaching and care for the ill, infirm, and dying.

Paper proposals should not exceed 300 words and should be submitted by January 31st, 2012 to darlene.weaver@villanova.edu. Authors will be informed regarding the status of their papers by March 1, 2012. To learn more about the Villanova University Theology Institute, and to locate registration and travel information for the conference, please visit: www.theology.villanova.edu/institute.