



**Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic**  
Bishop of Cleveland  
Main celebrant for the opening Mass



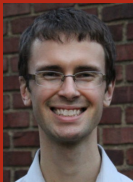
**Special Guest Speaker**  
Rev. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, B.A.,  
S.T.B. Religious Director of Healthcare  
Professionals for Divine Mercy



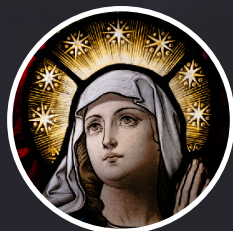
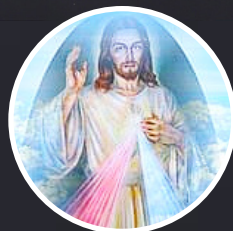
Andrew Trew, LLB, Dip. Law



Jan Kosmyna, MIS, B.Ed, RN



Jesse Felts, MD



Ronald M. Sobczak, MD



Margaret Musso, MD, MA

## SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

### **"Innovative Approaches to Compassionate Healthcare" The Ministry of Mercy**

**Sponsored by the Cleveland Guild of the Catholic Medical Association**

**Opening Mass at 8 AM** with Bishop Edward Malesic at St. Albert the Great Church (6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133)

**Conference at 9:15 AM – 4 PM** at St. Albert The Great Parish Life Center  
Breakfast and lunch will be included

The conference theme, "Innovative Approaches to Compassionate Healthcare - The Ministry of Mercy", was chosen since innovation is essential in medicine to develop new therapies and approaches to help alleviate suffering and eradicate illness. A wide array of novel technologies has rapidly emerged in medical practice to enhance the level of care patients receive. However, it is imperative not to sacrifice important measures necessary to foster outstanding relationships between healthcare professionals and their patients. As such, further efforts to exercise compassion and to show mercy are essential. Innovative approaches of practicing such virtues in concert with medical technology advances offer tremendous hope for delivering the best care possible to patients and their families. Attention to the spiritual well-being of patients is also necessary to help bring forth definitive healing.

The audience will include healthcare professionals as well as all others not involved in the medical disciplines.



#### **REGISTRATION**

Registration fee for those receiving medical education credits (5.25 hrs): \$200

General Conference Registration fee: \$45 (students free)

Virtual option is available

Walk-in registration is also available

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9:15 - 10:00 AM

***Arrhythmias of the Heart: a Parts Work Approach to Restoring Normal Rhythm*** by Jesse Felts, MD - Assistant Professor at Case Western Reserve University Medical School & Vice President of the Cleveland Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

10:00 - 10:45 AM

***"Reflections on Serious Mental Illness and the Corporal Works of Mercy"*** by Margaret Musso, MD, MA, Assistant Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine & Secretary of the Cleveland Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

10:45 - 11:00 AM

**BREAK**

11:00 - 11:45 AM

***"The Role of Sacraments in Healing and End-of- Life Care: Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick"*** by Rev. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, B.A., S.T.B. Religious Director of Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy

11:45 - 12:45 PM

**LUNCH**

12:45 - 1:30 PM

***"Despair vs Hope and Confidence: Emotions that Impede or Enhance the Healing Process and Patient Well-Being"*** by Rev. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC, B.A., S.T.B. Religious Director of Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy

1:30 - 2:15 PM

***"Catholic Bioethics: The Role of Compassion & Mercy in Patient Care"*** by Andrew Trew, LLB; Dip. Law Bioethicist for the Cleveland Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

2:15 - 2:30 PM

**BREAK**

2:30 - 3:15 PM

***"Until There's a Cure: Providing Clinical Care, Ongoing Clinical Research, and Essential Psychosocial and Spiritual Support for Persons Across the Globe Living with HIV"*** by Jan Kosmyna, MIS, B.Ed, RN Retired HIV Clinical Research Manager and Clinical Coordinator

3:15 - 4:00 PM

***"Restoration of Health in Oncology"*** by Ronald M. Sobczak, MD, Professor of Medicine, Taussig Cancer Institute, Cleveland Clinic; State Director for Ohio for the Catholic Medical Association

For online registration assistance, please contact Debra Sudy, 216-696-6525 x 3670.

For questions about the conference, call 216-312-4172