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Caregivers as Confessors and Healers

Annual Conference, Nov. 5 – 7, 2015, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS:

The Ethics of Killing in War, Moral Injury, and the Role of Confession in Post-War Recovery

Timothy Patitsas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Ethics, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Fr. Sean Levine, M.Div., Chaplain, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX

Pastoral Care of Perinatal and Infant Loss

Carrie Frederick Frost, Ph.D., Theologian, University of Virginia
Fr. Ian Pac-Urar, Ph.D., Facilitator for the Committee for Pastoral Practice of the Assembly of Bishops, and
Pastor, Presentation of our Lord Church, Fairlawn, OH
Fr. Nicholas Apostola, Pastor, St. Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church, Shrewsbury, MA

Therapy as Confession; Confession as Therapy

Philip Mamalakis, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of
Theology
Fr. Nicholas Solak, D.Min., Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological
Seminary

Confession and the Path of Addiction Recovery

Fr. Demetri Moraitis, Proistamenos, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester, MA
Fr. Michael Kon, Assistant Rector, Holy Resurrection Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church, Allston, MA

Parish Health and Wellness – Beginning a Parish Nurse Ministry

Marion Avtges, R.N., Parish Nurse, Taxiarchae Greek Orthodox Church, Watertown, MA
Fr. Theodore Barbas, Chancellor of the Boston Metropolis

Medical Practice – How Our Faith Informs Our Work

Michael Christakis, M.D., Internist, VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System
Paul Christakis, M.D., Pediatrician, Private Practice, Boca Raton, FL
John Demakis, M.D., Internist, former Director of VA Health Services Research Service, Vienna, VA

Assessing the Calling to Priesthood

John Hadjinicolaou, Ph.D., Director of the Montreal Institute of Orthodox Theology, and Director of the
Orthodox Theology Programmes, Université Laval
Lila Amirali, M.D., Director of the Pediatric Care Program and Clinical Director of the Department of
Psychiatry, Montreal Children's Hospital, and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, McGill University

The Spiritual Father/The Orthodox Clinician Encountering a Young Person with Same-Sex Attraction

Fr. Vasileios Thermos, M.D., Ph.D., Psychiatrist and Priest in the Church of Greece

Empathic Encounter and Spiritual Struggle: Reciprocity in the Dialogue of the Healing Encounter

Dn. Stephen Muse, Ph.D., Director of Education and Training, Pastoral Institute, Columbus, GA

The Healing Art of Forgiveness

Peli Galiti, Ph.D., Program Manager, International Forgiveness Institute, and Visiting Scholar at the
University of Wisconsin in the Department of Educational Psychology