Pope Francis has captured the attention of the world by recommitting the Church to its mission to the poor and marginalized. This has opened a new dialogue on our priorities and challenges in Catholic healthcare. This conference will focus on the meaning of the Holy Father’s message for our day-to-day work.

Conference Objectives:

1. Identify key concepts such as subsidiarity, collegiality, evangelization, mercy, and social justice that have taken on a new centrality in the pastoral ministry of the Church as articulated and administered by Pope Francis.
2. Analyze the implications of these central concepts for the Catholic healthcare ministry in the United States.
3. Apply these concepts to ethical challenges confronting Catholic healthcare in the board room, at the bedside, and in the clinic.

Thursday, October 9th: CONTEXT AND THEOLOGY

8:00-9:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15am Welcome

9:15-10:15am Pope Francis and the Church as Field Hospital
Marc Bosco, SJ, PhD
Associate Professor of English & Theology
Director, Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago

10:30-11:30am Ecclesiology in the Age of Francis
Sr. Doris Gottemoeller RSM, PhD
Vice Chair, Catholic Healthcare Partners

11:30am-1:00pm Lunch (provided)

1:00-3:15pm CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Pope Francis’ “Culture of Encounter” as a Model for the Transformed Delivery of Catholic Health Care
Erica Laethem, BeL, PhD Candidate
Director, Clinical Ethics, Presence Health
“A Throw-Away Culture”: Speaking About Abortion in the Era of Pope Francis
Charles Camosy, PhD
Department of Theology, Fordham University

Pope Francis and the Reshaping of Catholic Health Care in the US
Michael Panicola, PhD
Senior VP- Mission, Legal & Government Affairs, SSM Health Care
Rachelle Barina, PhD Candidate
System Manager- Ethics. SSM Health Care

A Catholic Theology of Employment-at-Will: Examining the Recent Papal Tradition
Mark Repenshek, PhD
Senior Director Ethics Integration and Education, Ascension Health

3:30-4:30pm  The New Evangelization
Susan Ross, PhD
Professor of Theology, Loyola University Chicago

Friday, October 10th: APPLICATIONS

8:00-8:30am  Mass
8:00-9:00am  Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:30am Social Justice in Contemporary Catholic Healthcare-
The Moral Imperative to Population Health
Patrick McCruden ,MTS, D.Bioethics
Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI)

Catholic Case for Public Health
Mike Rozier, SJ, MPH
Boston College

10:45-11:30am  Pope Francis and the need for a Compassionate Approach to Immigration in the US
Kevin Appleby, JD
Director of Migration Policy and Public Affairs
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

11:30-11:45am  Commentary- Immigration and a Catholic Medical School
Linda Brubaker, MD, MS
Dean & Chief Diversity Officer, Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago

11:45am-Noon  Commentary- Immigration and a Catholic Health System
Trisha Cassidy, MBA
Sr. Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, Alexian Brothers Health System

Noon-1:00pm  Lunch (provided)
1:00-2:00 pm  Healthy People, Healthy Planet: Catholic Healthcare and Pope Francis’ Environmental Vision
Daniel DiLeo, MTS
Flatley Fellow and PhD Candidate, Theological Ethics, Boston College

2:15-3:15pm  Moving Forward: Pope Francis and the Changing face of the American Church
Miguel Diaz, PhD
John Courtney Murray, SJ, University Chair in Public Service & Professor of Theology, Loyola University Chicago
Formerly U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See

3:15-3:30pm  Closing

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