Diocesan Membership

The National Catholic Bioethics Center was founded in 1972 in St. Louis, Missouri, to promote and safeguard the dignity of the human person by applying the moral tradition of the Roman Catholic Church to developments in health care and the life sciences. The Center employs a team of highly qualified ethicists who possess diverse backgrounds in moral philosophy, theology, nursing, canon law, neuroscience, and education.

Education
The Center conducts seminars and lectures for clergy, parish leaders, researchers, attorneys, educators, and health care professionals. Since 1980, the biennial NCBC Workshop for Bishops has provided an educational forum to apprise bishops of timely bioethical issues that affect their episcopal ministries. The ongoing National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics, started in 2005, is a year-long distance-learning program that provides systematic formation based on the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, with optional graduate credits from Holy Apostles College and Seminary and the University of Mary.

Public Policy
The Center addresses public policy issues from the perspective of the Catholic moral tradition, providing analysis, reporting, and commentary.

Research
Individual and taskforce research is conducted by Center ethicists, consultants, and interdisciplinary scholars.

Consultations
The NCBC offers round-the-clock consultation services to dioceses, clergy, health care professionals, hospital systems, individuals, and families in need. Topics range from questions about clinical cases to institutional identity and public policy.

Publications
The Center has published Ethics & Medics, its monthly commentary, since 1976, and The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly, an award-winning scholarly journal, since 2001. The Center also publishes books, including the widely used Catholic Health Care Ethics: A Manual for Practitioners and Personalist Bioethics, by Elio Cardinal Sgreccia.

"May God bless The National Catholic Bioethics Center in its desire and commitment to be of service to the Magisterium of the Church and to the cause of humanity. And may the Holy Spirit direct your minds and hearts to enter more fully into the mysteries of His divine Wisdom and to be ever more inflamed with His Love."
—Pope St. John Paul II, January 28, 1980, on the occasion of the First NCBC Workshop for Bishops

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