The National Catholic Bioethics Center Welcomes New Collaboration with Human Life International
Bioethics Training Now Part of Global Missionaries’ Life Advocacy Toolkit

The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) is pleased to partner with Human Life International to equip the global life apostolate’s staff around the world with a new level of training for life advocacy. A shared mission to build up a culture of life and oppose the forces that perceive humans as an expendable commodity makes this alliance a natural fit.

The National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics serves to proactively educate those on the front lines of the global battle for life. Initially, Human Life International staff from nine nations in Africa, Europe, Latin America, and Southeast Asia will participate in the new training program, along with leaders from the United States.

Fr. Shenan Boquet, Human Life International President, who holds a Master of Science in Bioethics, has earned his Certification in Health Care Ethics from the NCBC. He is pleased with the opportunity that this new collaboration will provide the organization’s international field workers.

“This joint initiative will enable Human Life International leaders to recognize, understand, and offer positive, life affirming alternatives to the tools and tricks of the culture of death,” said Fr. Bouquet. “This is a solid education in bioethical concerns which provides a firm understanding of the underlying worldviews. It will prevent our regional directors and those they work with from falling prey to the depopulation schemes by entities like the United Nations and the Gates Foundation. They will be able to identify programs and projects that masquerade as mercy yet deliver a devaluation of human life in the quest to decimate the third world. And they will offer life affirming alternatives to the very people these deceptive programs harm.”

The NCBC fulfills its mission to provide education, guidance, and resources to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research. Thereby it shares in the ministry of Jesus Christ and His Church. Human Life International works to build a pro-life, pro-family world. The goals of these two ministries are complementary and can only serve to strengthen one another.

Before coming to the NCBC, Dr. Joseph Meaney served Human Life International for more than two decades, most recently as Director of International Outreach and Expansion and previously as founder and Director of the global life ministry’s Rome office.

Human Life International provides counseling, healthcare, support, education, and other resources to expectant mothers around the world, as the global organization works to make abortion unthinkable, strengthen families, and impart a reverence for human life from conception through natural death. The educational conferences that Human Life International presents around the world for priests, seminarians, health care workers and lay professionals have
generated significant interest in this opportunity to study and apply bioethics to these life
affirming vocations.

“There has been a demonstrated need for this increased level of dedicated study and
application,” explained Dr. Brian Clowes, Director of Education and Research at Human Life
International.

“It is the rare person who would eschew the blessings of modern science. Few of us
would thrive as Luddites, resisting the technology that has extended our lives, improved our
health, and upgraded our way of life over centuries,” observed Clowes. “There’s no doubt that
science has brought many blessings to mankind. However, the innate human desire to ‘play God’
has brought into question the boundaries of what we have a right to interfere in and what we do
not.”

The knowledge gained through the Certification in Health Care Ethics program will allow
Human Life International’s global missionaries in the field to further apply the Catholic moral
tradition to challenging contemporary issues in health care, including abortion, contraception,
reproductive technologies, euthanasia, assisted suicide, along with donation or sale of organs.

As the group proceeds through the training program, they will learn how to effectively
articulate the Church’s understanding of the inherent dignity of the human person. They can then
apply the Church’s moral teaching, as expressed in Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic
Health Care Services. This will enable them to resolve complex dilemmas and identify resources
which provide guidance for the resolution of bioethical issues, making them available to health
care professionals and others in health care ministries.

Fr. Boquet remarked, “This is going to make a huge difference and will energize Human
Life International’s advocacy around the world. The incursion by Western promotors of abortion
and purveyors of the culture of death will now meet stronger, better fortified opponents, who are
equipped with a higher level of bioethical understanding. This new program gives these global
missionaries a type of clinically informed ‘armor’ alongside the armor of God they have always
worn.”

To learn more about the NCBC’s National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care
Ethics, click here.

To learn more about Human Life International visit hli.org.