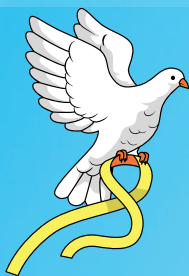


Assisted Suicide in Illinois: What Catholics Need to Know



Thursday, October 15 @ 7 p.m.
Fearon Hall, St. Bernardine Campus
815 Elgin Ave. Forest Park, IL, 60130

- hear end of life options from a Catholic perspective
- how the law passed, what it involves, and the difficulties for Catholic practitioners
- what Catholics in Illinois should do to update their end of life instructions

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GUEST SPEAKERS



DR. MARY KEEN KIRCHOFF

Mary Keen Kirchoff has been blessed by her marriage of 38 years to Charles Kirchoff and by her 5 children, now all adults. She is a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School; and the University of Washington residency program in physical medicine and rehabilitation and the Loyola Stritch School of Medicine residency program in Pediatrics. She is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation, pediatrics, pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation and in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. Most of her career has been at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital caring for children with disabilities with their families. She has been interested in euthanasia and assisted suicide since the early 80's when Elizabeth Bouvia a young woman with CP was admitted to an acute care hospital when she asked for assistance in starving herself.

THOMAS OLP

Thomas Olp serves as Executive Vice President at Thomas More Society. He earned his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Georgetown University, his J.D. from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, and an LLM from Georgetown University Law Center. Tom practiced labor and employment law in Washington, D.C., for nearly a decade before serving as Vice President and General Counsel for Connor-Winfield Corporation in Aurora, IL. He joined Thomas More Society in 2007 as a pro bono attorney, became a board member in 2014, and has worked as a full-time attorney since 2015. Tom is admitted to practice in Illinois, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. He has led service trips to Guatemala and the Congo and is active in his parish's advisory council and St. Vincent de Paul conference.



ROBERT GILLIGAN

Bob Gilligan is the Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Illinois, representing the Catholic bishops of Illinois at the Illinois General Assembly in Springfield. Bob was named Executive Director in 2003, after serving as Associate Director for six years. He is a past president of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors and Aid for Women, a pregnancy help center headquartered in Chicago with locations now across the state. He also served on advisory committees for both the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Human Services. He previously worked as chief of legislative services for the Arizona Department of Economic Security and at the political consulting firm of Jamieson and Guterres in Phoenix, AZ. He holds a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a master's degree from Arizona State University. He lives in Chicago and attends St. Juliana Parish along with his wife, Colleen and son Christopher.

