



# BALTIMORE GUILD

## CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

PO Box #404, Simpsonville, MD 21150

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Dear Baltimore Guild Members, Friends and Colleagues,

*The darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.* 1Jn 2:8.

Scripture reminds us that the Lord comes to be present during our darkest days. Like the shepherds, I am astonished at the depth of His love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

2023 is off to a flying start. The Guild's first event on January 28th is *Engaging the Public Square; How to Get Involved and Make Your Voice Heard*. In this virtual event we collaborate with the Maryland Catholic Conference and other national leaders to discuss how to effectively communicate and take part in public debate on issues that affect our values and mission. It is a ripe topic because we expect that a proposal to legalize physician assisted suicide will again be introduced before the Maryland General Assembly in 2023. As Catholics we pray for a happy death. As Catholic clinicians we understand that helping a patient commit suicide is antithetical to compassionate, dignified care that supports our patients' end-of-life transition.

We hope that the rest of our events for the year will be in person. The virtual platform offers advantages but our White Mass and luncheon this past October demonstrated how wonderful it is to reconnect in person. On February 18th we plan to meet for *Food and Fellowship* starting with Mass at Saint Mark's Church in Catonsville followed by brunch at a nearby diner. It's a low-key affair for old and new members to meet and spend time together.

Being a Catholic doctor is awesome but not always easy. The Catholic Medical Association exists so that we can be a community for each other. Your continued membership is imperative. We want the Guild to grow so please share this information with your friends and colleagues. Stay tuned for details, other news and events that generally occur every few months. I hope to see you soon. Together we show the world that *the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining*.

Enclosed is a printed version of the membership renewal registration. Please take a moment to renew or join. If you prefer to use paper and check, you may fill out the form and send a check via US mail. If you prefer to renew electronically, visit our website at [www.bg-cma.org](http://www.bg-cma.org), click on the registration tab at the far right and submit your dues via PayPal. Our website also has updates on our events on the calendar page. Thank you for your solidarity and support of the Baltimore Guild CMA.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Sorra, M.D.  
BG-CMA President, 2022-2023

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