



# ST. GIANNA MOLLA GUILD OF NORTHEAST WISCONSIN

*A CHARTERED GUILD of the Catholic Medical Association*

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### ***Catholic health care event to take place July 16***

#### **Threats to patients, Catholic health care and the medical profession: Enlightening the conversation**

GREEN BAY, Wis. (June 19, 2013) – St. Gianna Molla Guild of Northeast Wisconsin, a chartered guild of the national Catholic Medical Association, will host an event, “Catholic Health Care at End of Earthly Life,” on Tuesday, July 16, from 5-9 p.m. at the Bridgewood Resort Hotel and Conference Center in Neenah.

Attorney and patient advocate, Sara Buscher, says, “We are at a tipping point where, as Dr. Ira Byock put it recently, a significant portion of the public worry that they or their relatives’ or friends’ lives might be prematurely shortened by doctors. Many see Catholic health care as a safe haven.”

#### ***Event schedule***

- 5:15-5:45 p.m. Mass celebrated by Father John Doerfler (ballroom)
- 5:45-6:30 p.m. Socializing (cash bar available)
- 6:30 p.m. Table service begins
- 6:45 p.m. Entrees served, Presentations begin:
  - “Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST): Threats to Patients, Catholic Health Care and the Profession of Medicine” – Franklin Smith MD (past president, Milwaukee Guild of CMA, Co-Author of CMA’s white paper on POLST)
  - “Enlightening the Conversation: How Catholics Can Talk About Care Decisions at End of Earthly Life” – Sara Buscher JD (Retired attorney and CPA, advocate on behalf of the elderly and people with disabilities in areas of health care access and EOEL decision-making)
- 8 p.m. Q & A panel with Ms. Buscher, Fr. Doerfler, Dr. Smith, and selected community physicians

All are welcome to attend this event. For more information, please visit the website at [www.stgiannamollaguildnew.com](http://www.stgiannamollaguildnew.com) or search for them on Facebook by their page name, Catholic Medical Association Northeast Wisconsin Guild.

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**Who we are:** The Catholic Medical Association is a physician-led community of healthcare professionals that informs, organizes and inspires its members, in steadfast fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church, to uphold the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine. The St. Gianna Molla Guild of Northeast Wisconsin aims to fulfill this mission in the Diocese of Green Bay through education, networking, and the support of the national Catholic Medical Association.

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