CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL ETHICS
IN THE WORLD CHURCH

Pursuing Health: Self-Care, Fidelity, Justice, & Mercy

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Languages: Primary language will be English. We will use a translation tool and captioning in Zoom to conduct meetings and make any other arrangements as needed for ease of access. Roche will seek publication assistance funds from home institution for translating written contributions to a book project if needed.

Purpose:

- To discuss the pursuit of health and healthcare ethics through the prism of virtue ethics and Catholic social thought.
- To create space for theological reflection on experiences of health, illness, and health justice.
- Goal: volume of essays on self-care, fidelity, and justice in diverse health/illness contexts for use in the undergraduate classroom.

Reporting methodology: We commit to submitting written notes from our meetings to the CTEWC virtual table co-chairs and contributing a piece related to our work in The First and in appropriate Forum sections (Roche is regular contributor to the NA Forum).

Call for members: The Pursuing Health VT invites you to join a space for theological reflection on personal and communal self-care, fidelity, justice, and mercy in contexts of health and illness. We hope to develop a new approach to teaching medical and health care ethics in college that highlights diverse narratives, virtue ethics, and participation in the pursuit of health as a common good in light of Catholic social thought.

All are welcome; we hope to have 12-15 participants.

Duration and meeting frequency: We propose meeting every two months for 1 year, with a possible extension. Our goal would be to invite participants to share their experiences and organize ourselves into writing and sharing short essays that address self-care, fidelity, and justice in diverse health contexts. After 1 year, we might continue to meet to finalize essays for publication.

We plan to conduct meetings via Zoom and can share materials in Google Docs.