

# A FORUM ON INFERTILITY

Better, Moral Alternatives to In-Vitro Fertilization and the Spiritual Care for Couples

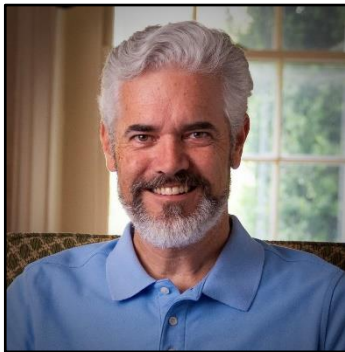
## MEET THE SPEAKERS

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### **Gerald V. Burke, MD, JD.**

A Reproductive Endocrinologist currently practicing in Voorhees, New Jersey, Gerald Burke has been practicing Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, a sub-specialty of Gynecology, in Southern New Jersey since completing his fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in 1985. While practicing all aspects of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility as a Catholic, Pro-Life physician, Dr. Burke does not perform IVF or abortions. Also an attorney in the Health Care division of the firm Lomurro, Munson, Comer, Brown and Schottland, Burke practices medical malpractice law in Freehold, New Jersey. Dr. Burke is a resident of South Jersey and a graduate of LaSalle University, the Hahneman Medical College (now part of Drexel University) and performed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. While practicing medicine full time, he attended Rutgers, Camden Law School, graduating after four years in 2008. Current president of the South Jersey Catholic Medical Guild in the Diocese of Camden, Dr. Burke has served as president of both the Philadelphia Area Reproductive Endocrinology Society and the New Jersey Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, continuing his membership to both while serving on the board of the latter. Dr. Burke is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association Committee for Medical Malpractice. When not at work Dr. Burke resides in Medford, New Jersey with his wife and daughter.



### **Bill Donaghy, M.A.**

Senior Lecturer and Content Specialist

Bill Donaghy has worked in evangelization and education for over 25 years, with a background in visual arts, philosophy, and systematic theology. He's taught at the secondary and university levels, as well as serving as an adjunct professor for Immaculata University and presently at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Pennsylvania. Bill also teaches courses at Homeschool Connections for middle and high school students. His full-time work is as Senior Lecturer and Content Specialist for the Theology of the Body Institute, teaching the Christian Anthropology of St. John Paul II to the laity, bishops, clergy, and consecrated men and women throughout the world since 2006. Education: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnwood, PA BA in Philosophy, 1996, MA in Systematic Theology, 2006. Pontifex University, Doctoral studies began January 2024. He's a blessed husband and father of four children.



## **Dr. Daniel A. Drain, Ph.D.**

Moderator

Director of the Office for Life & Family  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Dr. Daniel A. Drain grew up in Toledo, OH and converted to Catholicism at age 17. After initial studies in Philosophy and Theology at DeSales University, he attended the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, earning both an MTS and PhD (Theology, with specialization in Person, Marriage, and Family). A scholar of Hans Urs von Balthasar's theology, the themes of his research and publication also include eschatology, the nature of Catholic education, sex and gender issues, and fundamental theology. His first book, *Saving Finite Freedom: Hope, Freedom, and Salvation in Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theology of Redemption* is forthcoming from Wipf & Stock. Locally, he has taught at DeSales University, Immaculata University, and was a full-time faculty member at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Rochester, NY. He lives in Bucks County, PA, with his wife and daughter, and is honored to serve now as the Director of the Office for Life and Family for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and as an adjunct professor at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. He is an Ordinary Member of the Sacra Doctrina Project, a peer reviewer for Word on Fire Academic and other scholarly journals of Catholic theology, and was recently appointed to the Advisory Council of the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



## **Marguerite Duane, M.D., M.H.A., FAAFP**

Dr. Marguerite Duane, a board-certified family physician, is co-founder and Executive Director of FACTS about Fertility, an organization dedicated to educating medical professionals and students about scientific evidence supporting fertility awareness-based methods (FABMs). She also serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor at Georgetown and Duquesne University, where she is the Director of the Center of Fertility Awareness Education and Research. Dr. Duane cares for patients via a direct primary care house-calls based practice, MD for Life, and previously worked as medical director of the Catholic Charities community health centers in DC and Maryland. Dr. Duane currently serves as the CMA State Director for DC and is the past president of the St. Giuseppe Moscatti DC CMA Guild. She has served on the board of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC). Dr. Duane trained as a Creighton, FEMM and NeoFertility Medical consultant, and a TeenSTAR educator. She received her M.D. degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and completed her Family Medicine residency at Lancaster General Hospital in Pennsylvania. She received a Bachelor of Science with Honors and a Master of Health Administration degree from Cornell University. In 2022, Dr. Duane completed a primary care research fellowship at the University of Utah earning a Master of Science in Public Health. Dr. Duane is married to a fellow family physician, Dr. Kenneth Lin, and they are delighted to be the parents of 4 children, Isaac Thomas, Eden Rose, Ellis John and Gianna Marie Lin.



## Theresa Farnan

Theresa Farnan, Ph.D., is a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center focusing on the challenges of gender ideology as part of EPPC's [Person and Identity Project](#). She is the co-author of two books, *Get Out Now: Why You Should Pull Your Child from Public School Before It's Too Late* and *Where Did I Come From? Where Am I Going? How Do I Get There?* and editor and contributing author of *Gender Ideology and Pastoral Practice: A Handbook for Catholic Clergy, Counselors, and Ministerial Leaders*. She has taught at St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and Mount St. Mary's Seminary and has worked with the diaconate formation programs for the Dioceses of Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. She served as a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth and is a member of the Catholic Women's Forum Advisory Council. She serves on the Ethics and Public Policy Committee of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. She received her master's degree and her doctorate in Medieval Studies from the University of Notre Dame. She and her husband, Michael, have ten children.



## Alexis Sneller

Alexis Sneller is a Policy Analyst at Pennsylvania Family Institute. She graduated from Biola University with a B.A. in political science. After working as a Government Affairs intern at Family Research Council, Alexis discovered her passion for policy and communications. She is thrilled to be part of a team that advocates for a culture where life, family, and religious freedom flourish. In 2024 she published an article titled "*Thoughts on IVF from an IVF Baby*". Alexis lives in Lancaster with her husband and their baby.



## Ann M. Koshute, MTS

Ann M. Koshute, MTS, is co-founder of Springs in the Desert, a Catholic ministry offering spiritual and emotional support and accompaniment to women and couples carrying the cross of infertility and loss. She holds a Master of Theological Studies from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America. She and her husband Keith live in Central Pennsylvania and are Byzantine Catholics who married in 2011. In addition to her work as Executive Director of Springs in the Desert, Ann speaks at conferences, retreats, and pre-Cana programs, and is

a monthly columnist for The Eastern Catholic Life. She has contributed to Volumes I and III of *The Catechism in a Year Companion* from Ascension Press, and Scripture reflections on the daily readings for the Ascension app. In 2021, Ann was appointed to the USCCB's Advisory Council by Most Rev. Kurt Burnette, Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic.



## Fr. Paul Varchola West

Fr. Paul Varchola West is the Spiritual Father for Springs in the Desert and was ordained a priest in the Byzantine Catholic Church in July 2020. He serves as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Levittown, Pennsylvania. In addition to his pastoral ministry Father Paul is a regular columnist for the Eastern Catholic Life. In 2025 Bishop Kurt Burnette appointed Fr. Paul as Director of Deacons for the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic. He married his wife Alissa in 2009 and together they enjoy music, the outdoors, and making messes with their two children

with whom they were blessed after many years of prayers and infertility treatments.