

CHRISTIAN HOPE & MODERN MEDICINE

OCTOBER 3-4, 2025
350/351 BISGROVE HALL



*a symposium hosted by the Ostapenko Center for
Ethics in Medicine and Healthcare*

Friday October 3

2:30-3:30: "Hoping for Miraculous Healing When a Medical Prognosis Offers Little Hope"
Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University

3:45-4:45: "Aging Hopefully"
Charles Pinches, University of Scranton

5:00-6:00: "Resonating hope: on the patient-physician relationship"
Benjamin Parviz, Saint Louis University

Saturday October 4

9:30-10:30: "Christian Hope and Unrealistic Optimism in Bioethics"
James Delaney, Niagara University

10:45-11:45: "Might Only Technology Give Us Hope? Transhumanist vs. Christian Soteriology"
Jason Eberl, Saint Louis University

2:00-3:00: "The Theological Virtue of Hope within a Renewed 'Art of Dying' (*ars moriendi*)"
David Elliot, The Catholic University of America

3:15-4:15: "Christian Hope and Life-Threatening Pregnancy"
Catherine Nolan, Belmont Abbey College

4:30-5:30: "Hard Cases and Hope in Perinatal Medicine"
Christopher Tollefsen, University of South Carolina

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