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A Manhattan Forum Lecture

“ASCLEPIUS’ SNAKE AND THE CRUCIFIX: PAGAN GREEK AND CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ETHICS”  
Thomas A. Cavanaugh, Ph.D.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010

Lecture — 3 p.m.

Mass — 5 p.m.

Reception— 6 p.m.

Father Kozina Hall, St. Margaret Mary Church  
1219 Excelsior Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610

Admission: Free



“I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody if asked for it, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect. Similarly I will not give to a woman an abortive remedy.” In taking the Hippocratic Oath, doctors of pagan Greece pledged to refrain from practices that have now become commonplace in the medical profession. What happened? In this lecture, Thomas Cavanaugh, Ph.D., will discuss the current state of medical ethics and explore the potential for its renewal through insights from both ancient Greek philosophy and the Christian tradition.

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Thomas A. Cavanaugh is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of San Francisco, where he has taught since 1994. His scholarship includes a book entitled *Double-effect Reasoning: Doing Good and Avoiding Evil* (Clarendon: Oxford, 2006) as well as articles in medical, ethical and philosophical journals. He has lectured on bioethics, ethics, and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition at institutions such as Stanford, UC Berkeley, The University of Buenos Aires, Marquette, Baylor, and The New University of Lisbon. He has been awarded and held the Bradley Fellowship, the Richard M. Weaver Fellowship, and the National Endowment for the Humanities Chair. He received a BA from Thomas Aquinas College. He earned his doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame, writing under Ralph McInerny.

