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OBJECTIVES & TARGET AUDIENCE

Participants will learn about the new women's health science of NaProTechnology (Natural Procreative Technology) that effectively evaluates and treats women's reproductive and gynecologic disorders. The benefits of NaProTechnology and its foundational family planning system, the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System, along with techniques developed for surgical, medical, perinatal, and educational applications will be illustrated.

This meeting is targeted towards members of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals and other Allied Health Providers. However, it is also for anyone interested in the approach of the Catholic Church to issues related to reproductive medicine. It is for physicians, nurses, hospital administrators, medical and nursing students, bioethicists, clergy, religious, natural family planning teachers of all models, high school teachers, concerned citizens and activists.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Philip Boyle, MICGP, MRCGP, CFCMC
Certified FertilityCare™ Medical Consultant. Dr. Boyle is a family physician with a dedicated NaProTechnology medical practice in Galway, Ireland. President of FertilityCare™ Centres of Europe and member of the board of directors of FertilityCare™ Centers International.

Paul Carpentier, MD, CFCMC
A certified Creighton Model FertilityCare™ Medical Consultant and family physician from Gardner, Massachusetts, USA.

K. Diane Daly, RN, CFCE
Co-developer of the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System and co-director of the St. John's Mercy Department of FertilityCare™, St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Certified FertilityCare™ Educator.

Maureen I. Duhn, BSN, CFCE
Director of FertilityCare™ Center of Madison, Wisconsin, USA. President-elect of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals.

Angelique Garcia, LPN, CFCE
Director of the St. Joseph Hospital FertilityCare™ Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Immediate past president of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals and director of the St. Joseph Hospital, Allied Health Education Program for FertilityCare™ Practitioners.

The Rev. Wojciech Giertych, OP
Moral theologian on the faculty of the Pontifical University at the Angelicum in Rome. He is officially the *Theologian of the Papal Household*.

Susan K. Hilgers, BA, CFCE
Co-developer of the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System and co-founder of the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction, Omaha, Nebraska, USA. Certified FertilityCare™ Educator.

Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, CFCMC, CFCE
Director, Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction, Omaha, Nebraska, USA. Co-developer of Creighton Model System and developer of NaProTechnology. Clinical professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha. Member of Pontifical Academy for Life.

Paul W. Kortz, RN, BSN, CFCE, CFCE
President, American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals. Director, OSF Saint Francis FertilityCare™ Center, Peoria, Illinois, USA.

Sr. Renée Mirkes, OSF, PhD
Moral theologian and director of the Center for NaProEthics at the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction, Omaha, Nebraska, USA.

John Monaghan, MD, NFPMC
Consultant obstetrician-gynecologist and Creighton Model Natural Family Planning Medical Consultant from County Roscommon, Ireland.

Sally C. O'Neill, PhD
Associate Dean of Continuing Medical Education Division at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mary Paquette, MD, NFPMC
A Creighton Model Natural Family Planning Medical Consultant and family physician from St. Paul, Minnesota, USA.

Michael Parker, MD, Dip. ABOG, NFPMC
In the private practice of obstetrics and gynecology in Columbus, Ohio, USA. He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology.

Ann M. Prebil, RN, BSN, CFCE
Co-developer of the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System and co-director of the St. John's Mercy Department of FertilityCare™, St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Certified FertilityCare™ Educator.

Giovanni Battista Cardinal Re
Currently the head of the Vatican's Congregation for Bishops. Personally knew Pope Paul VI.

The Rev. Ed Richard, JD, MS
Dean of Students, Kenrick Seminary, and developer of the successful one-semester course for seminarians in the Creighton Model, NaProTechnology, and the Theology of the Body. Also a member of the board of directors of FertilityCare™ Centers of America.

Joseph Stanford, MD, MSPH, CFCMC
Associate professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. Former president of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals and currently board member of FertilityCare™ Centers of America.

Mark Stegman, MD, CFCMC
A board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist in practice in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, USA, practicing surgical NaProTechnology.

The Rev. Joseph Tham, MD, NFPMC, PhD, LC
A family physician who is a trained Creighton Model Natural Family Planning Medical Consultant and Catholic priest with the Legionaries of Christ. Currently actively involved as a bioethicist.

The Rev. Richard Tomasek, SJ
Currently the spiritual director for the North American College Seminary in Rome. Fr. Tomasek also attended Education Phase I for FertilityCare™ Practitioners while on assignment in Omaha, Nebraska and has been a long-time supporter of the work of the Pope Paul VI Institute.

The Rev. D. Vincent Twoomey, SVD
Professor emeritus in moral theology at the Pontifical University of St. Patrick's College in Ireland. A former doctoral student under Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger. Member of the board of directors of FertilityCare™ Centers International.

Register online at: www.aafcp.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Surgical NaProTECHNOLOGY Preconference
Program Schedule**

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008	TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008
8:30 – 9:30 Registration for Pre-Conference Program	
9:30 – 9:40 Welcome	
9:40 – 10:00 What is Surgical NaProTechnology? Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	8:30 – 9:00 Pelvic Excision and Repair Surgery (PEARS) (For prevention of adhesions and preservation of fertility) Thomas W. Hilgers, MD
10:00 – 10:30 “Near-Contact” Laparoscopy Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	9:00 – 9:30 For Peritoneal Endometriosis
10:30 – 11:00 <i>Coffee break</i>	9:30 – 10:00 For Ovarian Endometriosis
11:00 – 11:30 Selective Hysterosalpingography and Transcervical Catheterization of the Fallopian Tubes Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	9:30 – 10:00 Bowel Endometriosis: Surgical Techniques for the Obstetrician-Gynecologist
11:30 – Noon Planning for the Surgical Repair and Selection of the Right Procedure for the Right Patient Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	10:00 – 10:30 Surgical NaProTechnology in the Practice of an Obstetrician-Gynecologist in Ireland Dr. John Monaghan, NFFMC
Noon – 12:30 Laser Vaporization of Endometrial Implants Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	10:30 – 11:00 <i>Coffee break</i>
12:30 – 1:00 Laser Lysis of Pelvic Adhesions Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	11:00 – 11:45 Resection of Small or Large Bowel Endometriosis with Reanastomosis and a Review of Potential Complications and Their Management Thomas W. Hilgers, MD
1:00 – 4:00 <i>Afternoon lunch break (on your own)</i>	11:45 – 12:15 Recurrence of Endometriosis and Pelvic Adhesions following PEARS Thomas W. Hilgers, MD
4:00 – 4:30 Selection of Surgical Instruments, Suture and Anti-Adhesion Remedies Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	12:15 – 1:00 Questions and Answers Thomas W. Hilgers, MD
4:30 – 5:00 Fundamental Anti-Adhesion Surgical Techniques Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	1:00 – 4:00 <i>Afternoon lunch break (on your own)</i>
5:00 – 5:30 Uterine Myomectomy and Removal of Pelvic Adhesions Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	4:00 – 4:30 Surgical Repair of Proximal Tubal Occlusion (Salpingitis Isthmica Nodosa) – Tubal Re-Implantation Surgery Thomas W. Hilgers, MD
5:30 – 6:00 <i>Coffee break</i>	4:30 – 5:00 Surgical NaProTechnology in the Practice of an Obstetrician-Gynecologist in the United States Mark Stegman, MD, Dip. ABOG, CFCMC
6:00 – 6:30 Laser Wedge Resection of the Ovaries (PCOD) Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	5:00 – 5:30 A Review of Surgical Complications and Their Management Thomas W. Hilgers, MD
6:30 – 7:00 Questions and Answers Thomas W. Hilgers, MD	5:30 – 6:00 <i>Coffee break</i>
7:00 <i>Supper break (on your own)</i>	6:00 – 6:30 The Prevention of Pelvic Adhesions: The Cornerstone of Surgical NaProTechnology Thomas W. Hilgers, MD
	6:30 – 7:00 Questions, Answers and Conclusion Thomas W. Hilgers, MD

<p>DATES</p> <p>AAFCP Annual Meeting: Wednesday June 11, 2008 beginning with the General Audience with Pope Benedict XVI at 10:30 a.m. through Saturday morning, June 14, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. concluding with Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica.</p> <p>Surgical NaProTechnology Pre-conference: This program will be Monday and Tuesday, June 9 – 10, 2008.</p>	<p>CONFERENCE LOCATION</p> <p>The pre-conference and the AAFCP Annual Meeting will be held at the Augustinian Conference Center via Paolo VI, 25, Rome, Italy. This conference center is located across the street from St. Peter’s Basilica.</p>
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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS
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The Creighton University School of Medicine designates these educational activities for a maximum of 24 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in these activities (AAFCP Annual Meeting, June 12 – 6.5 credits and June 13 – 4.0 credits; and the Surgical NaProTechnology Pre-conference, June 9 – 6.0 credits and June 10 – 7.5 credits).

Application for CME Credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. **Determination of credit is pending.**

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has assigned 24 cognate credits to this program.

AAFCP ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008	FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008
10:30 a.m. - Noon General Audience – Pope Benedict XVI The Piazza of St. Peter’s Basilica (or Pope Paul VI Auditorium, Vatican City)	6:30 – 7:00 Honoring 30 Years of Fertility <i>Care</i> [™] Education Support: Creighton University School of Medicine (Omaha, Nebraska, USA) Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, Pope Paul VI Institute Paul Kortz, RN, CFCE, American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals
4:00 – 5:00 Meet and Greet Social	7:00 <i>Supper break (on your own)</i>
5:00 – 5:30 Welcome Remarks President of the Academy – Paul W. Kortz, RN, CFCE Site Host – Thomas W. Hilgers, MD Creighton University – Sally C. O’Neill, PhD Pontifical Academy for Life – Bishop Elio Sgreccia	FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008
5:30 – 6:00 Opening Remarks James Francis Cardinal Stafford, Apostolic Penitentiary	8:30 – 9:30 The Creighton Model Fertility <i>Care</i> [™] System, NaProTechnology and the Theology of the Body: Successfully Educating Seminarians K. Diane Daly, RN, CFCE The Rev. Ed Richard, JD, MS
6:00 – 7:00 Keynote Address: “Celebrating 40 Years of <i>Humanae Vitae</i> ” Giovanni Battista Cardinal Re, Congregation for Bishops (Vatican)	9:30 – 10:30 The Creighton Model System: Understanding Fecundity and Achieving Pregnancy Joseph Stanford, MD, MSPH, CFCMC
7:00 <i>Supper break (on your own)</i>	10:30 – 11:00 <i>Coffee break</i>
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008	11:00 – Noon The Role of <i>Humanae Vitae</i> and the Catholic Church in the Development of NaProTechnology Thomas W. Hilgers, MD
8:30 – 9:30 NaProTechnology: The Broad Spectrum of its Application Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, CFCMC, CFCE	12:00 – 1:00 The Successful Application of NaProTechnology Facilitated by Fertility <i>Care</i> [™] Practitioners Paul Kortz, RN, CFCE Angelique Garcia, LPN, CFCE Maureen Duhn, RN, CFCE
9:30 – 10:30 NaProTechnology: What Every Woman Needs Sr. Renée Mirkes, OSF, PhD	1:00 – 4:00/3:00 <i>Lunch break (on your own)</i>
10:30 – 11:00 <i>Coffee break</i>	3:00 – 4:00 27 th Annual Business Meeting of the AAFCP with Installation of New Officers (Active members of AAFCP; all participants welcome)
11:00 – Noon Thirty-One Years with the Creighton Model Fertility <i>Care</i> [™] System Ann Prebil, RN, BSN, CFCE Susan K. Hilgers, BA, CFCE	4:00 – 5:00 NaProTechnology in the Practice of the Obstetrician-Gynecologist Mark Stegman, MD, Dip. OB-GYN, CFCMC Michael Parker, MD, Dip. ABOG, NFFMC
Noon – 1:00 NaProTechnology in the Everyday Practice of a Family Physician Mary Paquette, MD, NFFMC Paul Carpentier, MD, CFCMC	5:00 – 6:00 Pope Benedict XVI: The Conscience of our Age The Rev. D. Vincent Twoomey, SVD
1:00 – 2:00 Mass The Rev. Richard Tomasek, SJ	6:00 – 7:00 Sending You on Your Way: The Sending by the Lord, the Giver of Life and Fertility-Related Issues The Rev. Wojciech Giertych, OP
2:00 – 4:00 <i>Afternoon lunch break (on your own)</i>	7:00 Closing Banquet at Quo Vadis Ristorante Transportation TBA
4:00 – 5:00 NaProTechnology Pregnancies after Failed IVF Dr. Phil Boyle, MICGP, MRCGP, CFCMC	SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008
5:00 – 5:30 Questions and Answers Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, CFCMC, CFCE Dr. Phil Boyle, MICGP, MRCGP, CFCMC	8:00 a.m. Closing Mass James Francis Cardinal Stafford St. Peter’s Basilica, Vatican City
5:30 – 6:30 The Effect of Contraception on the Secularization of Bioethics The Rev. Joseph Tham, MD, NFFMC, PhD, LC	

These activities have been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of Creighton University School of Medicine, Pope Paul VI Institute and the American Academy of Fertility *Care* Professionals. The Creighton University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

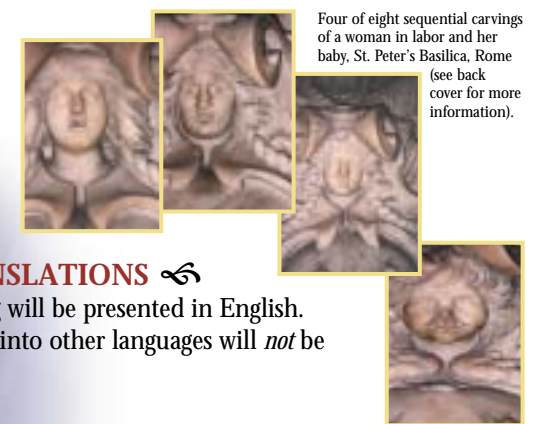
AAFCP has granted 11.8 credits for the surgical pre-conference and 15.5 credits for the Annual Meeting.

Continuing education credit for nurses is provided by Iowa Western Community College, Iowa Board of Nursing, Provider No. 6, for each day as shown:

Iowa Western Community College Continuing Education Credits for Nurses	
June 9	5.3 credits
June 10	6.5 credits
June 12	6.5 credits
June 13	6.0 credits

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

The 27th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals is jointly sponsored by the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals, Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction and Creighton University School of Medicine. The Division of Continuing Medical Education at Creighton University School of Medicine has helped coordinate this program.



Four of eight sequential carvings of a woman in labor and her baby, St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome (see back cover for more information).

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Conference Planning Committee is composed of the following individuals: Angel Garcia, LPN, CFCE; Paul W. Kortz, RN, BSN, CFCE; Thomas W. Hilgers, MD; Sally O’Neill, PhD; AAFCP Board of Directors.

AUDIO RECORDINGS

It is planned to have available professional audio recordings for all sessions for purchase on-site from the AAFCP and Pope Paul VI Institute Press. A special discount rate is planned for those who are in attendance at the meeting.

REGISTRATION

An early registration fee of \$199 has been set for this Academy meeting* (by March 1, 2008). To make your reservation, please complete either the attached registration form and send it in along with your registration fee or register online at www.aafcp.org. We can guarantee space available at the meeting only by pre-registration. A nametag and registration packet will be sent to you in advance of the meeting.

* Registration for the Surgical NaProTechnology Pre-conference is a separate fee of \$100.

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June 11-14, 2008

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1) **Registration Fee – Annual Meeting** (June 11-14, 2007)
(Includes all talks, breaks, and receptions. Does not include meals listed as “on your own”, closing banquet, or pre-conference.)

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Member	\$199	\$249	No. _____ @ \$_____ = subtotal \$_____	
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3) **Rates: Session-by-session Registration**

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Surgical NaProTechnology Pre-conference Registration
June 9-10, 2008

Registration fee is \$100 per person. Register directly online at:
www.popepaulvi.com.

Tourgroup/Pilgrimage Information & Hotel Information

Unitours Tourgroup Booking Information
For travel, rooms, and tour information, visit www.unitours.com/client/fertilityconference. Note: Unitours cannot take phone reservations. Forms and deposits must be mailed.

Reservation Instructions:
1. Print (see link above) and complete the reservation form thoroughly (pick your meeting(s), hotel, and optional tours; note if you will need an add-on flight to get to Newark).
2. Mail the reservation form, \$300 deposit, & copy of your passport to Unitours.
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Jolly Villa Carpegna: http://www.jollyhotels.it/eng/ALBERGHI_scheda_classic.asp?Obj=1291 (includes bus to conference)

Tourgroup/Pilgrimage Optional Tours:
June 7/9 – 14: Pre-conference and/or AAFCP Meeting, tours in Rome & Vatican City
June 7/9 – 19: Above with tours of Orvieto, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Padua, Venice
June 7/9 – 22: Above with tours of Venice (extended) and Milan

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Hotel Santa Ana: <http://www.hotelsantanna.com>
The Olympia

Other resources for accommodations:
Bed & Breakfast Association of Rome: <http://www.b-b.rm.it/index.php>
Contact Marie at marie@b-b.rm.it and mention AAFCP.
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