



# Catholic Professionals of Illinois

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## Lenten Retreat with Fr. Bruce Wren, L.C.

**Saturday, March 19th**  
**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Crowne Plaza**  
**300 S Frontage Road**  
**Burr Ridge, IL**

**Admission is FREE**  
**Donations appreciated**

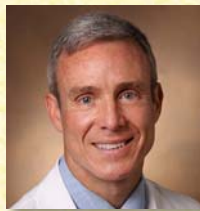
College, Graduate & Professional  
students are welcome!

**Please RSVP by 3/16/2022:**  
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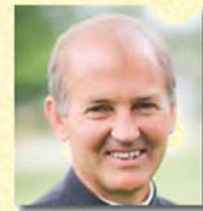
Catholic Professionals of Illinois is a group of men and women who proactively seek to influence the culture through their various and respective professions, while working in the world, witnessing the authentic spirit and love of Christ, and serving as mentors to the next generation of leaders.

- 8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-9:00 Introduction, Mary Beth Sutkowski MD CMD
- 9:00-10:00 "Mercy, Dignity and Life as seen through the lens of a Catholic Intensivist" with E. Wesley Ely, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine, Division of Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Vanderbilt Univ. Medical Center
- 10:15-11:15 "How We Can Overcome the Challenges of Preserving the Sanctity of Human Life" with Fr. Bruce Wren, L.C.
- 11:15-Noon Mass with Adoration
- Noon-1:00 Luncheon (boxes available for purchase)



Dr. Ely graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1989. He completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowship training in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He then completed training in medical evaluation and management of lung transplantation and lung volume reduction surgery at Barnes-Jewish Hospital of Washington University Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri. He currently serves as Professor of Medicine for the Department of Medicine, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. He is board certified in internal medicine and pulmonary and critical care.

Dr. Ely has published hundreds of journal articles, many books and book chapters, letters, editorials and book reviews. His work & faith based essays have been cited in the Wall Street Journal and National Catholic Register among others and he recently wrote the book, "Every Deep-Drawn Breath". He describes the world of critical care through the eyes of a world-renowned critical care physician, who drastically changed his clinical practice, informed by his Catholic faith, to offer person-centered health care, and through cutting-edge research convinced others to do the same.



After finishing high school as salutatorian of his class, Fr. Bruce Wren attended St. John's College in Santa Fe, N.M., where he received a Bachelor's Degree of Liberal Arts. He received his priestly vocation at the age of 23, and joined the Legion of Christ at the insistence of a good friend Jesuit priest. He received degrees in classical humanities, philosophy, and theology in Salamanca, Spain and Rome, Italy.

He was ordained on January 3, 1996, by the Archbishop of Hartford and began his priestly ministry as Instructor of Novices in Cornwall, Canada. He is currently superior of the Legionaries' Chicago, Chaplain of Lumen Institute (Chicago) and CPI, and spiritual director for many religious and lay people.

*"Let Christians follow the example of Christ who worked as a craftsman; let them be proud of the opportunity to carry out their earthly activity in such a way as to integrate human, domestic, professional, scientific and technical enterprises with religious values, under whose supreme direction all things are ordered to the glory of God." - Second Vatican Council*