

PLAN OF ACTION
CBCP Office on Bioethics
Calendar Year 2026

A. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

In light of rapid developments in medicine, biotechnology, and health care, there is a growing need for clear, accessible, and authoritative Catholic guidance on bioethical issues. The CBCP Office on Bioethics is tasked with assisting the Bishops, clergy, religious, lay faithful, and Catholic institutions—especially health care facilities—in addressing these concerns in fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church.

B. GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To promote and safeguard Catholic bioethical teaching in the Philippines through formation, publication, digital accessibility, and ethical consultation.

C. SPECIFIC PROJECTS

1. National Conference of the Catholic Physicians Guild of the Philippines

Date: 24 October 2026

The Office proposes to convene a national conference of the Catholic Physicians Guild of the Philippines (CPGP) to foster continuing formation and collaboration between the Church and Catholic medical professionals.

Objectives:

- a) To deepen understanding of Catholic bioethical principles in contemporary medical practice
- b) To address emerging ethical challenges faced by physicians
- c) To strengthen collaboration between the CBCP and Catholic physicians

2. Establishment of the CBCP Office on Bioethics Website

The Office shall establish an official website to serve as the primary digital platform for information, publications, and services.

Purpose:

- a) To provide accessible and reliable bioethics resources
- b) To facilitate consultation services
- c) To disseminate official CBCP documents on bioethics

3. *Publication of CBCP Documents on Bioethics (Up to 2025)*

The Office shall compile and publish CBCP statements, pastoral letters, guidelines, and other official documents on bioethics issued through the years until 2025.

Format:

- a) Digital publication via the Office website
- b) Possible print edition for institutional use

4. *Publication of a Contextualized **Ethical and Religious Directives***

The Office proposes the development of a contextualized *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, adapted to the Philippine legal, cultural, and pastoral context, while remaining faithful to universal Church teaching.

D. SERVICES TO BE OFFERED

(Beginning Mid-2026)

1. *Free Bioethics Consultation Service*

The Office shall offer free bioethics consultation on specific cases and ethical concerns.

Mode of Access: Online consultation request through the Office website on:

- a) Clinical ethics cases
- b) Institutional and policy-related bioethical concerns
- c) Pastoral bioethics questions

2. *Online Bioethics Resources*

The Office shall provide ongoing bioethics formation through articles, reflections, and educational materials uploaded on the website.