

The Master of Catholic Theological College

Very Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan

invites you to the book launch of

***Conscientious Objection in Medical Practice:
A Content Analysis of the Victorian Parliamentary Discussions
Establishing the Abortion Law Reform Act 2008***

by Dr Eric Manuel Torres

Introduction by Rev Dr Max Vodola
Associate Dean (Research), CTC

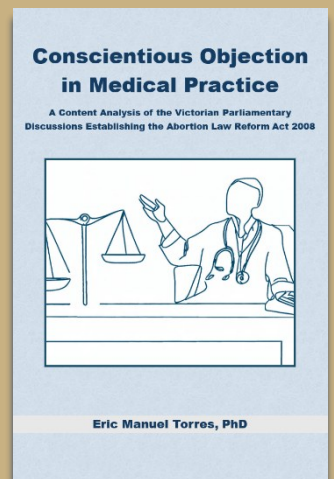


This book explores Victoria's Abortion Law Reform Act (ALRA) 2008 as it relates to health practitioners exercising conscientious objection to induced abortion. In examining the moral nature of abortion and what constitutes a valid conscientious objection, Dr. Torres argues that the ALRA undermines the right of medical practitioners to uphold a conscientious objection to partaking in an induced abortion. Through a content analysis of the parliamentary debate that established the ALRA, this research identifies the dominant ethical opinions underpinning this legislation in order to

understand and explain the reasons why this law treats conscientious objection the way it does.

Endorsement:

"Conscientious Objection in Medical Practice is a thorough, detailed, impressive treatment of the topic... Not only is this a supremely impressive book, but it is also likely to be seen as the authoritative study of the subject." – Dr. Stephen M. Krason, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the Franciscan University of Steubenville



Friday 10 October 2025, 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP: Wednesday 30 September 2025 – vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au

Copies of the book will be available from [En Route Books and Media](#).