

Michael Miller Jr., MA, HEC-C

Executive Leadership, Healthcare Mission Integration, Bioethics, Community Health

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Michael Miller Jr. serves as System Vice President of Mission and Ethics for SSM Health in St. Louis, Missouri.

During his twelve years of progressively responsible mission leadership roles in Catholic health care, Michael has established himself as an effective health care executive and trusted colleague. He provides ministry formation, clinical ethics consultation, mission discernment facilitation and community benefit leadership, that empowers health care leaders to manage the tensions—and embrace the opportunities—of operating a health care business as a ministry of the Catholic Church.

Michael holds graduate degrees in Theology and Bioethics and is pursuing a Doctorate in Health Care Mission Leadership (D.HCML) from Loyola University Chicago. He is certified in Healthcare Ethics Consultation via the HCEC Certification Commission of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities.

Experience

System Vice President, Mission and Ethics, SSM Health – St. Louis, Missouri 2018–Present

Executive system-level mission leader responsible for Oklahoma and Southern Illinois regions of national health care ministry, supporting regional directors of mission integration to foster Catholic identity, provide formation programming, manage spiritual care, and facilitate clinical ethics services. Led community benefit operations throughout system (2018-2022). **Accomplishments include:** Establishing and facilitating system-wide Community Health Improvement Council • Creating and hiring new regional community health leadership positions • Securing increased funding for community benefit programs and activities • Achieving organizational key performance indicator goals (2019-2021) • Reporting and presenting to the Ministerial Juridic Person/Sponsor of SSM Health • Developing trainings for clinical ethics first responders • Leading SSM Health Mission Council meetings • Facilitating mission discernments • Implementing formation experiences for internal stakeholders.

Chief Mission Officer, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System – Canton, Michigan 2011–2018

Executive mission leader responsible for Catholic identity, mission integration, spiritual care, clinical ethics, community benefit, and advocacy. Served five hospitals in the Southeast Michigan region of Trinity Health, which included 1,533 beds, over 12,000 employees and 2,000+ medical staff physicians. Hired in 2011 to serve St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and Livingston, promoted in 2013 to regional executive. **Accomplishments include:** Completed Trinity Health's *Ministry Leadership Academy* development program • Facilitated *Promoting Catholic Identity* organizational self-assessments • Facilitated mission discernments • Supported innovative joint venture with local academic health system • Oversaw expansion of Clinical Pastoral Education program to include a residency option • Established new community health leadership positions • Ensured hospital participation in multiple community collaboratives • Established partnership with Washtenaw County Public Health leadership to create a County Dental Clinic for Medicaid and low-income uninsured patients • Positioned organization to be a lead participant in advocacy efforts, resulting in Ann Arbor becoming the first community in Michigan to enact a comprehensive Tobacco 21 ordinance • Conducted the first joint community health needs assessment in Washtenaw County, with Michigan Medicine, St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, and St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea.

Director, Mission Integration, Mercy Health Partners – Muskegon, Michigan 2009–2011

Administrative Fellow, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center – South Bend, Indiana 2008–2009

Education

Doctorate in Health Care Mission Leadership (D.HCML), Loyola University Chicago In Progress

Master of Arts in Bioethics and Health Policy (M.A.), Loyola University Chicago 2015

Master of Arts in Theology (M.A.), Aquinas Institute of Theology 2007

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (B.A.), Loyola University New Orleans 2001

Certifications

Health Care Ethics Consultation (HEC-C) Certification ID: 00117603

2020-2025

Teaching

Adjunct Instructor, Aquinas Institute of Theology – St. Louis, Missouri
Practical Theology for Health Care Mission

2021–Present

Adjunct Instructor, Vocare Center at Aquinas Institute of Theology – St. Louis, Missouri
Mission leadership graduate certificate program

2008

Publications

Periodicals and Peer-Reviewed Journals

- [1] Data Ethics in Catholic Health Systems
Rachelle Barina, Becket Gremmels, Michael Miller, Nicholas Kockler, Mark Repenshek, Christopher Ostertag, Kirsten Dempsey
The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly Forthcoming (2022)
- [2] Catholic Health Care and AI Ethics: Algorithms for Human Flourishing
Michael Miller
The Linacre Quarterly 89.2 (May 2022), pp. 152–164
DOI: [10.1177/00243639221082226](https://doi.org/10.1177/00243639221082226)
URL: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00243639221082226>
- [3] Book Review: Housing Solutions Require Systemic Changes
Michael Miller
Health Progress 100.5 (2019), pp. 40–41, Catholic Health Association of the United States
URL: <https://www.chausa.org/publications/health-progress/article/september-october-2019/book-review-housing-solutions-require-systemic-changes>
- [4] Mission Integration in Catholic Healthcare: Two Perspectives
Becky Urbanski, Michael Miller Jr.
Human Development 34.1 (2013), pp. 28–31, Guest House, Inc.

Awards and Recognition

Tomorrow's Leaders Program

2017

Catholic Health Association of the United States – Honoring young people who will guide our ministry in the future

Crain's Health Care Heroes

2015

Crain's Detroit Business – Finalist: Corporate Achievement

Community and Political Leadership

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church Parish Council

2019–2021

Washtenaw County Board of Health

2015–2018

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Board

2015–2018

Tobacco 21 Coalition

2015–2017

Michigan Health and Hospital Association: Legislative Policy Panel

2013–2015

References

Personal and professional references are available upon request.