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## Message from the Spiritual Advisor

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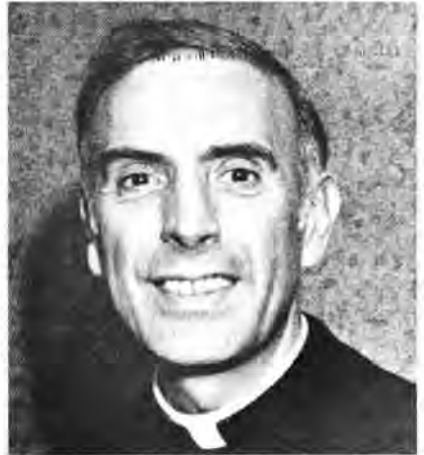
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acts must also be viewed in their practical application to man and their repercussions on the person and his destiny. The right of intervention in medicine to correct an aberration is determined by the fact that all organs are for the individual's own good — save only sexual organs whose primary goal is social and not subject to the same validation (except where intervention is in an area of secondary goal — personal — of the sexual organs). Nature's requirement may not be tossed aside by modern medicine and surgery for a developmental self-creativity to perfect and change nature. This would be a hoax. It does not work.

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Tiredness is a way of life for the active physician. While dispensing “relief” medication to his patients, his aches and pains are a reality known only to himself. While masked from ear to ear, choked from the lack of fresh air, he breathes many nondescript foul odors, as well as anesthesia, not programmed for him. This is part of the sacrifice he endures as he stands long hours, and often under great stress, performing his intricate surgery.

While he himself is pressured with frustration, anxieties and disappointments, he finds time to encourage his patients afflicted with incurable diseases, even though he is totally drained of every “drop” of energy left in his mortal body.

The TV dramas and the movies portray the physician as an Adonis with unlimited vitality, yet the truth of the matter is that even though he is zealous and dynamic under ordinary circumstances, when tiredness sets in, his life undergoes a torturous struggle that is indefinable.

To see real meaning in his vocation, he must interpret his "sacrifice" as coming from the word "sacred." He sees his commitment as being united to Jesus, the "perfect sacrifice," and in all that he gives, his consummation of self is done willingly for the good of his fellowman. His total giving is his crucifixion for the continuing salvation of mankind. He sees himself in union with Jesus as a special person in the Mystical Body as the mystery of redemption unfolds.

In the dying process, the pain, the loss, the "wearing-out" of oneself has meaning. If it is seen in the dimension of faith, Christianity has purpose, sacrifice has redemption-healing, and the consummation of one's life, like the consummation of salt, gives enrichment to that which it touches. Believing in Jesus, one is forgiven and healed, one is united in suffering, one is raised up beyond the grave and one has life that is eternal.

Among the last seven words of Jesus on the Cross was, "It is consummated." Worn out, having given all, "He emptied Himself," and within a matter of days, total giving was transformed to the glory of His resurrection.

Jesus preached that all who are weary should come to Him and He would refresh them. The "living water," the source of all life, is Jesus. United with the saving Lord, the physician who "eats (His) flesh and drinks (His) blood" knows from the words of Jesus that He abides in him. This is where the reservoir of grace can be found. One can tap this well of living water that goes far beyond natural resources of energy, vitamins or those synthetic "uppers." It is there that the fountain of youth, of new life, of renewed strength can be had for the asking.

— Msgr. Dino J. Lorenzetti