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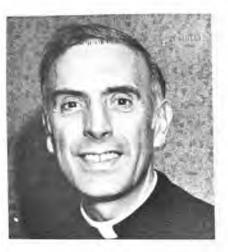
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Message from the Spiritual Advisor



Through the TV media there is an instant awareness of the mind and heart of people throughout the world. The sports, political, financial and economic events are transmitted immediately as they happen so that millions, as one, can witness the happenings that take place, and reflect on what they have seen. Likewise with the exposé of famine, wars, disasters and sufferings, one can "actually" feel the pain as if it were being personally experienced within one's own heart.

The physician, touching his sick patient, researching new techniques and procedures for healing, discovering the latest medications so as to restore the ill back to health, realizes that the impact of his caring goes beyond the individual, for it affects the whole community. St. Paul says, "For the body is not one member, but many" and that "God has so constructed the body, that there may be no dissension in the body, but that all the members may be concerned for one another. If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members share its joy."

Since you are in His Mystical Body, our Lord Jesus sees and "feels" the good you are doing. Your spiritual strength united with His is far more powerful in affecting new life than a cluster of electronic cells that generate atomic power. Your work is vital. Your will to heal becomes even more important than your patient's will to be healed. Through your presence, the sick person is infinitely blessed, and in your touching him, he is touched by the Divine.

It is of Jesus that St. John says, "All creation took place through Him." When you, as a physician of faith, receive Jesus in the Eucharist, you intimately share in that Oneness of His Mystical Body. Every person born, from the beginning of time to this day, as well as those

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not yet born until the end of time are also in Him. This Oneness in Jesus incorporates all of His people from Adam through to the last person yet to be created. Therefore as the Catholic physician performs his work in Christ and heals but a single person, he affects all of mankind.

Your good and holy work, like the stone striking the still waters has a ripple effect throughout the pond. Like the waters that are stirred by the stone, so too are all the members of His Body affected through your dedication and faith in healing the sick. You become instrumental in restoring faith, in strengthening those debilitated, in giving hope to those depressed, and in proclaiming the promise of new life to those facing death.

As your humanity is intermingled in His Divinity, through faith, you see and touch everyone from the past, those living in the present, and beyond tomorrow, to infinity. Your vocation is "super-human." It affects all of mankind. It affects eternity.

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