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From The Editor's Desk:

As the National Federation of Catholic Physicians moves into the 1970's, it finds itself changing. Like the rest of society it is responding, reacting and adjusting to its environment. A living, vibrant organization, it finds itself examining the implications of the medical profession. The June, 1970 meeting of the American Medical Association will devote a considerable portion of its time toward considering the controversial Himler Report. This report, if adopted by the House of Delegates, will have far reaching implications for us as physicians. The report should be studied and criticized by every physician. When the committee meets to discuss this report in January, we should be ready to testify as to our convictions concerning it. This issue of the *Linacre Quarterly* analyzes the term "Right to Health" so much of these days, the *Right to Health*. This term and its implications are implicit in many of the proposals of the Himler Report. Dr. Vitale H. Paganelli



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our capable Associate Editor, has gathered together in this issue various points of view and examined this question on several different levels. The ramifications and implications of this term, if accepted by us, are considerable whether we are general practitioners or specialists, whether we are in group or solo practice, whether we are conservative, liberal, or moderate progressive physicians. If we are Christians and citizens, if we wish to grow and to integrate our personal lives, duties, and aspirations for ourselves and our fellow man and society as a whole, if we wish to realize the fullness of Christian hope and love in our society, we must confront and discuss some of the profound issues raised by the authors in this issue. Undoubtedly, there will be areas for disagreement and debate. However, let us hope that in our debates we maintain the spirit of charity, forbearance, and respect. We must never lose sight of our common goal, that is, fulfilling the end for which we were created: to know, love, and serve God and His pilgrim Church.

The editor of this issue, Dr. Paganelli, was born May 12, 1928 in New York City. He was raised in Tuckahoe, a residential suburb of New York City. At the age of twenty he graduated from Georgetown University and proceeded to New York University Graduate School, 1948 to 1950. The next two years were spent at the University of Turin Facolta'di Medicina. He transferred to New York Medical College in 1952 and received his M.D. from that institution in 1955. Glens Falls Hospital in Glens Falls, New York was his choice for internship in 1955-1956. He returned to Washington, D.C. as a Captain with the United States Air Force and was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base. Upon his discharge from the service in 1958 he entered general practice in Glens Falls, New York and has been practicing there ever since. He is a member of the American Academy of General Practice, a member of the Glens Falls Academy of Medicine, and an Associate Attending Physician at Glens Falls Hospital. He is currently the Director of Region II of The National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds.

Significant events in his life include his marriage to the former Wanda Frances Ginocchio of Little Rock, Arkansas in November, 1954. Mrs. Paganelli met her husband while attending Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York. The Paganellis have seven children ranging in ages from nine months to fourteen years. In 1963, Dr. Paganelli gave up smoking, obviously a milestone in any man's existence. A man of dedication, commitment, and determination we see him doing mission work in Guatemala in April, 1965. His more than casual interest in general philosophy and theology are quite evident in the quality of this issue and in the frequent articles which have already appeared in previous issues of the *Linacre Quarterly*. Dr. Paganelli is also a member of the program committee for the XII International Congress of the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations which will be held in Washington, D.C. in October, 1970.

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