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In an age of ambiguity on many moral issues and serious differences of opinion by men of good will, we should count it a privilege to be called upon for ethical leadership. Instead of reacting with dismay, apathy, and silently standing in the wings, we should realize that the teaching church is in need of staunch medical allies and remember that we are the first generation of physicians in hundreds of years to witness the Hippocratic Oath shredded of much of its meaning.

Seeking ways to help solve these difficult problems, the Executive Board, in its semi-annual meeting in San Francisco, directed that the *Linacre Quarterly*, at this time the only journal of medical ethics, should assume its leadership role by broadening its editorial policy and become the pre-eminent journal in its field. Our journal will present divergent points of view and not a unilateral approach to any subject. However, our Catholic position will remain unaltered and unquestioned. Ecumenism was never intended to be a free platform against orthodoxy in issues affecting authority over life.

Be sure to attend and participate in the exciting and rewarding sessions of the annual meeting in Cincinnati, "The Queen City," Ohio, Nov. 24-26, 1972.

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President**