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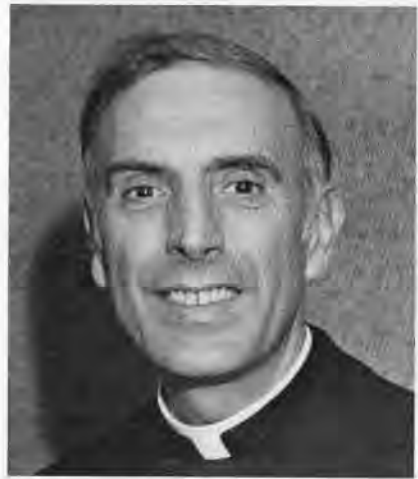
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Generations ago, the “bedside manner” was considered very much a part of the physician’s treatment of patients. This “technique,” not often referred to of late, is still a very necessary part of the healing process. This “tool,” namely the use of words, proves time and again to be just what the patient needs to bring about a successful cure.

It is very likely that words of rejection are one of the prime causes for emotional illness, for crimes, for break-ups and should be listed among the greatest of killers and the greatest of sins. Perhaps one of the most subtle forms of couples’ rejection of one another is with the use of contraception. In that most intimate moment of the great embrace, as husband and wife profess in words and feelings their deepest love, the total gift, the life sperm of the man, is rejected and destroyed. Other rejections can be noted when mothers abort their children and parents and society fail to accept teenagers.

As rejection destroys and acceptance creates, it is imperative that words be carefully selected and prayerfully expressed so that those hearing will be comforted and filled with strength.

History has proven that through words of kindness, hope has been given to those in despair, sinners have been transformed to saints and greatness has been instilled in those suffering from self-alienation.

No one should ever underestimate the power of prayer and how these words expressed with heartfelt love can, through the Divine Physician, translate sickness into health. When St. Peter saw the man crippled in the temple, he said “Silver and gold I have none, but what I have, that I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk.” Calling on Him, believing in Him, yes, in a “bedside manner” talking about Him, heals — miracles do occur.

Since words heard and accepted can cause one to conceive goodness, surely the physician speaking through the inspiration of the Spirit has much more than his science to heal the sick and disturbed.

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