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“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.”

— Psalm 22

“The Lord is my shepherd” For the patient who is in pain, confused and bewildered, the physician is his “lord,” his “shepherd.”

He looks upon the good shepherd to lead him through the dark valley of his illness, to guide him with “rod and staff,” heal him with “oil” of comfort and love him with the “cup that overflows.”

With great confidence in the voice of the shepherd, the lost sheep listens carefully to the instructions as he entrusts his life in traveling through the dangerous narrow path on the road to recovery.

The Christian physician rejoices as he reaffirms his vocation as a good shepherd for he knows that “only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.”

— Rev. Msgr. Dino J. Lorenzetti