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The presentation of the Linacre Quarterly award at our annual meeting of the NFCPG is always a time of great joy and pleasure to me, the editor of your journal. It represents what, in our judgment, is the best article which has appeared in our journal during the preceding year. The award symbolizes the prodigious amount of work, disciplined argumentation and ideals of the recipient and also singles out an article which clearly delineates the ethical stance that will help not only our readers but society in general in these confusing times when moral values are so seriously questioned. The article and its author have been singled out as a veritable beacon lighting the path of us pilgrim people on the road to our eternal goal and destiny, union with our Father and Creator. It is for these reasons that it gives me great satisfaction to present this award to Dr. Paul Ramsey, Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University. Dr. Ramsey is a leading Protestant theologian and a religious ethicist. He is a teacher and scholar par excellence in the field of Christian ethics and social theory, specializing recently in legal and medical ethics.

Dr. Ramsey has published a number of major articles in journals of

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law and of medicine and is a member of the editorial boards of *Theology Today*, *Worldview* and *Religion and the Public Order*, and was general editor of a series of scholarly monographs entitled *Studies in Christian Ethics*.

A fellow and member of the board of directors of the Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences, he also is a member of the advisory council of the Kennedy Center of Bioethics, Georgetown University. In 1972 he was elected a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, one of the few non-professionals so honored.

A member of the American Theological Society (president, 1964-65), the American Society of Christian Ethics (president, 1962-63), and the Society for Religion in Higher Education, Dr. Ramsey is a trustee of Drew University and of the Council on Religion and International Affairs.

Son of the Rev. and Mrs. John W. Ramsey of Jackson, Miss. (not far from Vicksburg, great Civil War country), Dr. Ramsey was born in Menderhall, Miss., in 1913. He was married in 1937 to the former Effie Register. They have three daughters: Marcia (Mrs. J. Warren Wood III), Janet (Mrs. Donald C. Cooper) and Jenifer (Mrs. Guy Chittenden).

I personally have been a great admirer of Dr. Ramsey and, like all of you, have learned much from his writings and carefully nuanced thinking on difficult medical-moral and legal matters. It gives me great pleasure to award Dr. Ramsey the *Linacre Quarterly* award for his article “Euthanasia and Dying Well Enough,” which appeared in our February, 1977 issue.