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## Message From the Spiritual Advisor

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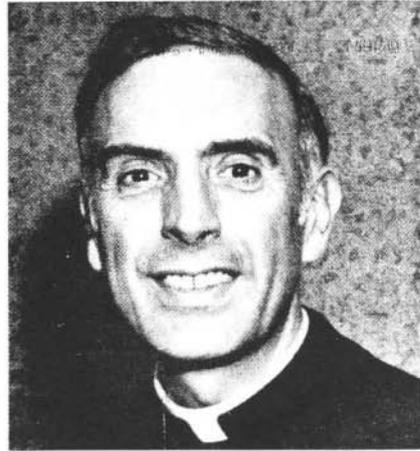
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### *God and Healing*

In the book of Sirach, the author comments that one should “hold the physician in honor, for he is essential and God it was Who established his profession”. He is the one who “beseeches God that his diagnosis may be correct, and his treatment bring about a cure” (Ch. 38, v. 15).

The most distinguishing factor between a doctor of faith and a non-believing colleague is that the former is always aware that God plays the most important role in the sacred work of healing. Being privileged to explore the wonderment of the human body and mind with the skill and art of medicine, the believing physician treats all patients not only scientifically in great humility, but seeing himself/herself as the instrument of the Almighty.

As a Eucharistic member of the Church, faith-filled and in sacramental union with Jesus, you, the physician, become one with Christ. The sick see in you the presence of the Lord as you talk, care and touch them. They envision the divine gifts being activated in the services you render in love. While it is true that these results cannot be tabulated through social or scientific criteria, their effects are well seen by those blessed in faith.

Love mandates going beyond what is expected in one’s work. It exceeds law and protocol; it is total giving. This is the Christian principle which is contrary to a society very prone to “count the cost” or “study the data” of whatever is performed. Love is the call of all, but in a special way to those dedicated in the health care services.

Luke (Ch. 7, v. 36) states that when Jesus attended the house of Simon the Pharisee, the penitent woman who “crashed the party” demonstrated

her faith as she washed His feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair and perfumed them with oil. Certainly her behavior was beyond customary hospitality. In response for her generous love, Jesus declared that not only were her sins forgiven, but that her faith was her salvation.

A physician of faith must be a believer, filled with the virtue of hope, trusting in the power of the Divine Healer. Strengthened with the grace of the Spirit, you are to witness the Gospel through the gift of your vocation. The joy of your services certainly exceeds monetary gain or fame, as your mission, like that of the woman of love, promises that sins will be forgiven and you, too, will be a welcome candidate to the Kingdom.

— Msgr. Dino J. Lorenzetti

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