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A Calling

Life goes on and we continue on our course as Catholic physicians, wondering what it all means. As we see the world evolving around us, with its increasing dehumanization of life, we wonder where it will all end. Life is a most precious gift, given to us by God. As Catholic physicians schooled in the Judeo-Christian ethic, we recoil at the modern lack of respect for human life. Knowing and living this ethic, the heart fears greatly for the future of mankind.

The utter destruction of human life by abortion is enough to dishearten most of us. The manipulation of life through genetic advances casts doubt upon us. Where are the voices raised, calling for a halt to the modern assault on the dignity and sacredness of human life? The Catholic Church, through its magisterial teaching, has kept us true to the vision that God has for His creatures.

There are signs that many are heeding the call to remain true to God. Enquiries about setting up Catholic Physicians' Guilds periodically reach this office. Our Church cares for us and bishops and priests are reaching out to us to help sustain us in our efforts to remain true to our calling as Catholic physicians.

A recent announcement from Perth, Australia describes the formation of a Bioethics Institute and the formation of the Western Australian Catholic Physicians' Association. These are encouraging signs for those of us who have remained true to our calling. We hope that as time goes on that the Catholic doctor's organization may become larger and more vigorous.

There is a malaise and a torpor about modern times when it comes to transcendental matters as they affect modern life. Undoubtedly, the cause of this malaise finds its roots in secularism and materialism with its emphasis on consumerism. It is like a noxious gas which permeates and deadens the spirit of

To call for a halt to this deadening malaise devolves on the individual and a reawakening of the Spiritual life of the individual. Before Society can be reawakened to its true destiny, life with God, it must be reborn and given new life in God. As Catholic physicians, it is up to us and to the God who made us to become new individuals in His creation. For this we pray as we continue to follow our calling.

— **John P. Mullooly, M.D.**
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