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Message from the Spiritual Advisor

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entire population infertile, for even the male after ingesting “the pill” for 14 consecutive days is rendered infertile through suppression of spermatogenesis.

Science fiction? Hardly — for an Indian physician present at that conference, did in fact “treat” the drinking water in his native village with the pill.

Untreated drinking water according to this proposal would be made available to aspiring parents only after a license to be parents was approved. Who would decide? Not clergy or physician but government. After all government will feed, clothe, house, educate, medicate, bury.

When consulted for advice regarding population control, a Nobel Prize winner in physics recommended that a silicone pellet be implanted with estrogen-progestagen. This slow release pellet, with a potential activity of 20 years, should then be implanted subcutaneously in all females before they reached biologic maturity. Under penalty of law, these pellets would be removed only after a license for parenthood were granted. The granitor? Government. Field trials with such a pellet implant are currently in progress in Mexico.

Several years ago, OB-GYN News quoted a noted obstetrician teacher as recommending that scholastic achievement be used as a guideline for granting permission to reproduce. Criteria for qualified parenthood could be based on scholastic achievement.

Elementary school graduates . . . . No
High school graduates . . . . . . Maybe
College graduates . . . . . . Some of them

The spectre of government control of the practice of medicine looms more ominous day by day.

The threat of government control of the “License to Be Parent” is far more ominous.

May it rest in peace!

— Joseph J. Ricotta, M.D.
became flesh – Jesus became one of us. The conception of Mary Immaculate brought us the gift of salvation. A physician believing in the power of the Word for man to live, must use it in faith, in prayer and in love so that his words can cause a transformation, a conception of new life in “he who is sick.” With fear removed, hope takes place, healing begins, the vision of happiness extends and reaches out to eternity.

Logic and science express theories, but not complete or satisfactory explanations on the mystery of man and the universe, the reason being that man is not in any way simplistic as he is intrigued with the divinity. No one’s life has ever been more intrigued with the Trinity than was Mary’s, and as St. Luke did, physicians would do well to observe her for a more complete understanding of man. It is well to note that her obedience to God brings about life without sin, her faith sees her Son, the “poor boy” become King of eternal happiness, and with love like hers miracles take place – wine from water, health from sickness, salvation from sin.

Is the Catholic doctor different? If he has devotion to Mary, he certainly is – he has hidden strength that has never been known to fail. Don’t underestimate him; “He’s got good connections.”

— Rev. Msgr. Dino J. Lomaxetti

From the Editor’s Desk

Andre Hellegers, M.D.

Andre Hellegers, M.D., director of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics died suddenly in Europe this spring. His unexpected death has shocked us all and has literally left a void in the bioethical scene. If there was any man who had a grasp of the bioethical scene, it was Andre. Rarely does one individual emerge in these confusing times who seemed to have a comprehensioh of the medical-moral scene, a philosophic understanding of its ramifications, and a knowledge of the practical and socio-economic impact of many of the movements of our day as he did. Andre was truly a renaissance man. Recently, in Milwaukee, he gave a talk on the developments in in vitro fertilization and health care. His facility of expression and his wide-ranging comments on these issues were a demonstration of comprehension of them and his articulation of them was truly brilliant.

In his many diverse roles, he helped deepen the interest and understanding of the complex problems of medicine and bioethics. As director and founder of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University, he stimulated the study of medical ethics and the influence of this Institute is appreciated by us all today. Many scholars, philosophers, theologians, and physicians have been stimulated to pursue this field through the training they received at the Institute.

On a more personal note, my contacts with Dr. Hellegers were always stimulating and enlarged my perceptions of things present and things to come. He had a way of opening vistas which one had never thought of before. I shall always remember being with him in the Tombs 1789, a nearby Georgetown restaurant when my son and I were looking over Georgetown University. His attention and interest