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This issue of Linacre Quarterly is devoted to a festschrift in celebration of the thirty-five years of service by Dr. John Mullooly as editor of the official journal of the Catholic Medical Association. During Jack Mullooly’s long tenure, Linacre Quarterly, which is the oldest journal devoted to medical ethics in the country, has also emerged as one of the most prestigious. Through the efforts of Dr. Mullooly, Linacre has been peer-reviewed and the quality of both its content and its editorial staff has been enhanced. Jack had an unerring intuition to recognize meaningful and informative topics and he frequently solicited contributions from presenters on programs of professional organizations throughout the country. In pursuit of academic quality, he never deviated from the inviolable policy of publishing only those whose viewpoints were in conformity with the magisterial teachings of the Church.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was educated at Bishop Laughlin High School in Brooklyn and at the Catholic University in Washington. Dr. Mullooly spent seven years as a Christian brother prior to entering the Marquette University School of Medicine where he was editor of the Marquette Medical Review. His internship and his residency in Internal Medicine were at Milwaukee County Hospital. When he was a senior in medical school, Jack married Mary Evelyn McCann who was a graduate student in Guidance Counseling at Marquette. “Mary Ev,” as she was affectionately known, was a frequent attendee at CMA annual meetings and was beloved for her effervescent personality. She died of lung cancer in 2003. The Mulloolys have six children and ten grandchildren. Their oldest son, John, is a neurologist at Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital. Dr. Mullooly is a board certified internist who retains his clinical faculty appointment at the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

The Catholic Medical Association owes a great debt of gratitude to Jack Mullooly for making sure that our official publication was a matter of pride for our membership. He will remain as editor emeritus and will be a treasured resource for all of our editorial staff.

– Eugene F. Diamond, M.D.

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