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CONCLUSION

These remarks, we think, are in accordance with the principles which we have taught and are faithful to ecclesiastical tradition. Still, since the doctrine is quite recent, we expressly state that we are entirely submissive to ecclesiastical authority. It is indeed conducive to a happier state, both of society and of the individual, that men should entrust themselves rather to God, the author of nature, and to His most benign Providence than to their own passions. Let men make duty the goal even of their earthly life and not indulgence and pleasure, if they would wish to attain to happiness.

Fleeing crafty and ignoble means of seeking the momentary and fleeting delights of the baser or even basest types, they store their hearts with a nobler satisfaction by obedience to the heavenly Father, who is at the same time the most perfect and the most happy.

It is our sincere wish that our readers should draw from our words a more determined will to strive for holiness, purity and happiness with untainted morals.

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Just as we have fanatic prohibitionists, so we have rabid birth controllers. Their energy is beyond all understanding. Particularly vicious is the action of the Section on Nervous and Mental Diseases at the last session of the American Medical Association. These neurologists are led by ardent Sangerites and are attempting to have the Association endorse their demand for Congressional action to amend the postal laws to read: "Standard medical and scientific journals and reprints therefrom and standard medical works which contain information regarding the prevention of conception are not mailable under this section." The A. M. A. has distinctly stated that there is no existing law to prevent a physician giving to a patient any advice which he thinks proper. If the requested change in the law should be accomplished, the word would immediately go forth that contraception had been endorsed by Congress. Whilst it is true that some minor officials have favored birth control, the record of the National Government is clean.

LINACRE maintains that non-Catholic physicians on the attending staffs of Catholic hospitals should, in honor, refuse to join in the propaganda for the spread of contraception.