

IN THIS ISSUE

We are pleased to have had such a positive feedback of the CMQ website especially from medical students. In this issue we examine why direct abortion is intrinsically evil even under difficult circumstances. The nature of intention is central to our ethical reflection and we are grateful to Dr Joseph Shaw who provides us with a philosophical article on the subject. Dr Dermot Kearney informs us of the clinical aspects in a section of his article

Dr Anne-Marie Williams and colleagues have written an article on practical medical ethics which will be especially useful to junior doctors. The care of the elderly is sadly in the news again and the article by Dr John Berry is timely.

Spiritual topics include a life of the great Catholic physician Saint Joseph Moscati and a homily by Sri Lankan Cardinal Malcom Ranjith.

Finally the Church is full of young talent. Special thanks to George Tully, who has enriched this journal with his line drawings.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO THE CMQ

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