Call for papers

Special issue on Catholic social teaching and healthcare reform

The Linacre Quarterly is preparing a special issue on healthcare reform with an emphasis on its foundation upon the principles of Catholic social teaching (CST), i.e., the dignity of the human person, subsidiarity, solidarity, and the common good.

This special issue is an important opportunity to make a significant contribution to the current, controversial debate on healthcare reform in America by exploring the application of these vital principles to the reform of healthcare policies. The goal of this issue is to provide leadership and actively participate in the development of a framework for the delivery of medical care based on authentic social justice and Christian charity.

Submissions could address, but are not limited to:

- Clear definitions of the principles of CST and their application to health care
- Reform initiatives
 - The dignity of the human person and sanctity of life in healthcare delivery reform
 - Relationship between subsidiarity, solidarity, the common good, and reform
 - What does a truly integrated healthcare system look like?
 - Methods of systematically analyzing proposals for healthcare reform in light of CST
 - Transparency in health care and its importance for the future of health care
- Healthcare professionals
 - Consideration of the past, present, and future roles of religious orders in health care
 - Why treating physicians as a commodity is inconsistent with CST
 - The role of the healthcare administrator
- Freedom of conscience: Relationship to the dignity of the human person and the common good
- Subsidiarity and the role of state and federal governments in healthcare delivery
- Population health management: proper role; role in medical education
- The patient: true patient-centered care; treating the virtual patient (EHR)
- Does Value = Quality/Cost?
- Financing
 - The application of CST in the financing of health care
 - Cost containment and capitation and the Independent Payment Advisory Board
 - Is a single payer system consistent with CST?
 - CST and the health insurance and hospital monopolies
 - How can we care for uninsured and under insured in light of the preferential option for the poor and economic sustainability

The deadline is August 1, 2016. If you have any questions please contact us at LQ@cathmed.org.

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