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The Linacre Quarterly won six Catholic Press Association Awards for its 2019 content.

The Catholic Press Association recognizes the fine work from the authors who make *The Linacre Quarterly* what it is.

Of the six awards we received, four went to contributions from our *Special Issue on Brain Death*, which encouraged a second look and new conversation about patients with catastrophic brain injuries. We undertook the issue in hopes of fostering discussion both within and outside the Catholic community from medical, ethical, and theological perspectives. We wanted to make sure to ask new questions and to present divergent viewpoints. It's good to know that the Catholic Press Association thinks we did it pretty well.

Well done indeed to William Perez, MD, MA; Irene Alexander, PhD, and Margaret Somerville, AM, FRSC, DCL for their excellent work on that difficult topic. In other content, Deacon John Travaline's article on the dangers of technocratic medicine is both insightful and cautionary. Father James McTavish reminded us that Catholic medicine is—and should be—different because of what we believe. The Editorial Team (Sister Mary Diana Dreger, OP, MD, MA, Deacon John Travaline, MD, and Barbara Golder, MD, JD) were also mentioned for their editorial (*Special Issue on Brain Death*).

Details of the awards are as follows:

Best Guest Column/Commentary

- **First Place:** "The Trouble with Anaesthetizing the Dead" by William Perez, MD, MA

Best Editorial

- **Honorable Mention:** "Exploring the Life Death Divide, Questions Remain Long After the Harvard Criteria" by Barbara Golder, MD, JD, Deacon John M. Travaline, MD, Sister Mary Diana Dreger, OP, MD

Best Essay - Scholarly Magazines

- **First Place:** "Does It Matter How We Die? Ethical and Legal Issues Raised by Combining Euthanasia and Organ Transplantation" by Margaret Somerville, AM, FRSC, DCL
- **Third Place:** "The Moral Dangers of Technocratic Medicine" by John M. Travaline, MD

Best Feature Article - Scholarly Magazines

- **First Place:** "Humility Before the New Scientific Evidence: We No Longer Have Moral Certainty that "Brain Death" is True Death" by Irene Alexander, PhD
- **Second Place:** "How Should My Practice of Medicine Be Different Because of My Catholic Faith?" by James McTavish, FMVD, MD