

Individualism and Community

How can the church's commitment to the common good strengthen its health ministry?

There is, says the author of this issue's lead article, "a dichotomy between the tradition of the Catholic culture of common good and the generalized individualistic spirit prevalent in U.S. society." What does such a bifurcation imply for the future of the U.S. Catholic health ministry? How can the church's longstanding commitment to the common good be employed to strengthen that ministry? In "The Communitarian Tradition" (p. 17), Bishop Edwin Conway, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, offers some answers to these questions.

GENETICS CASE STUDIES

CHA is currently preparing resources for the Catholic health ministry in the area of genetics. As part of those resources, we will be offering case studies—accompanied by discussion questions, relevant guiding moral principles, and a short bibliography—in each of this year's six issues of *Health Progress*. For this issue's case study, see "Genetics and Confidentiality," p. 24. The studies are intended to help various groups in systems and facilities in beginning to address some of the implications of genetic advances.

ANNUAL INDEX GOES ONLINE

Health Progress has traditionally, as each year ends, published an Annual Index of the articles that appeared in its pages during the previous twelve months. The index is meant to be a service for readers who want to look up a particular article according to its subject or author.

Unfortunately, publication of the index has absorbed space that might otherwise be filled with new articles. Hoping to make the best of two technologies, we have therefore decided to put the index online, rather than in the print edition. Links to the journal's Annual Index for 2002 can be found at <http://www.chausa.org/PUBS/HPINDEX.ASP>.

In fact, links to *Health Progress* issues from the entire past 10 years—1992 to 2002—can be found at that URL. Just go to the site, click on the issue you want (June-July 1996, say), and you'll get a list of the issue's contents. Then click on the article you want—*voilà!*

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