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Pictured left to right: A/Professor Tim O'Hearn, Dr. Bernadette Tobin, Professor Wolfgang Grichting, Professor Peter Sheehan, Professor Sue Ronaldson & Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, The Chancellery, Australian Catholic University, North Sydney, February 2000.

From the Management Committee

The Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care, a co-operative Centre jointly supported by Australian Catholic University and St Vincent's Health Care Campus, Sydney is a leader in the field of Bioethics. In keeping with its Mission, the Centre continues to provide training and advice to the medical community on ethical issues as they impact on practice.

The members of the Centre have published articles and discussion papers in the areas of Ethics, Theology and Philosophy, especially those of relevance to medical and health care practitioners and managers. They also continue the important role of postgraduate teaching and research supervision. The Centre particularly focuses on issues of importance to the Catholic health care sector.

Staff of the Centre have also been active in providing advice to individuals and submissions to government on major bioethical issues surrounding organ and tissue donation and cloning and related technologies. The Centre has continued to publish *Bioethics Outlook*, its reflections and scholarly contributions on many issues in the field. One whole issue focussed on the New South Wales Human Tissue Act.

The Director and other members of the Centre are to be congratulated for their contributions to the national debate, and to the development of policy papers for Catholic health care organisations and the wider health ethics community.

I commend this report to all interested in the continuing activities of the Plunkett Centre.

Professor John C Coll
Chair
Management Committee

July 2001





The year 2000 graduates of the Master of Arts in Applied Ethics, present a framed
Photograph of John Plunkett to the Centre
Pictured from left to right: Bernadette Tobin, Phillip Yuille, Lois Finn,
Mary Self, Sue Philpot.

Not present for the photograph: Rose Griffiths and Theo Gillian

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Doctoral students of the Plunkett Centre
Pictured clockwise: Peter Madden, Helen McCabe & Mary Self

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care is to examine the ethical aspects of contemporary practices in health care and bioethics and, by research, teaching and community service, to contribute a Catholic perspective to public discussion about what constitutes good conduct and wise decision-making in health care and biomedical science in Australia.

The aims of the Centre are:

- to promote research in the areas of ethics and theology relevant to health care and medical science,
- to apply the techniques of philosophical and theological analysis to professional discussions of issues in clinical practice and medical research, and
- to enrich the standard of discussion about the ethics of health care by contributing a Catholic perspective to public debates about health care and medical research.

These aims will be achieved by:

- conducting and supervising research,
- conducting post-graduate and clinical education,
- providing a consultation service for, and undertaking consultation with, healthcare professionals, and
- participating, through written and oral presentations, in the public forum on ethical issues.



Pictured top: Mrs Linda Purves, Administrative Officer of the Plunkett Centre
Pictured bottom: the Drafting Group of the Code of Ethical Standards for Catholic
Health & Aged Care Services in Australia:
Dr. Bernadette Tobin, Dr. Gerry Gleeson, Sr. Mary Byrne, Professor Anthony Fisher

Director's Report

February, 2000, was a busy month for the Plunkett Centre. First, a new Memorandum of Understanding – guaranteeing funding for a further three years - was signed by Professor Peter Sheehan on behalf of Australian Catholic University and by Dr Tina Clifton on behalf of St Vincent's Health Care Campus.

Next, a very successful and well-attended seminar was hosted by the Plunkett Centre and the Australian Red Cross Blood Service (NSW), on the proposed review, by NSW Health, of the Human Tissue Act of 1983. (Papers delivered at the seminar were subsequently published in *Bioethics Outlook*.)

And thirdly Dr Mary Self, a general surgeon and graduate of Australian Catholic University's Master of Arts in Applied Ethics, won a scholarship - offered by the Plunkett Centre in collaboration with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons - for a project which examines the ethical challenges of surgical practice in a changing health care system.

In March, the newest member of the Centre, Dr Stephen Buckle, began the first of two seminar courses for staff and students associated with our work in the ethics of health care. In the first semester he lead us in a reading 'Towards Justice and Virtue' by Onora O'Neill, and in the second semester in a reading of 'Evidence and Inquiry' by Susan Haack.

In May we held our annual *Intensive Bioethics Course* at the New Children's Hospital at Westmead. Our topic was 'Ethical challenges in health care for children'. Participants in the main came from the fields of medicine, nursing, and the allied health professions associated with paediatric care. We were greatly aided by collaboration with key practitioners from the Children's Hospital, in particular Professor David Isaacs.

In early July, Helen McCabe delivered a major paper on the ethics of managed care arrangements at the Annual Conference of Catholic Health Australia. Later in the month, we formally farewelled our friend and fellow 'plunketeer', Anthony Fisher, op, who left us to become Director of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family in Melbourne, we shall miss him greatly. He has been a good friend and inspiring colleague.

In the second half of the year, we undertook two commissioned projects: an ethical evaluation of a proposal to establish a 'living related liver transplant' unit in Australia, and an ethical evaluation of the care proposed for a woman who, as a result of a traumatic injury, had been a long time resident in a nursing home. Bernadette Tobin participated in a 'Reference Group' brought together to consider a report of the results of the public consultation conducted by NSW Health on its proposal to legislate in the area of assisted reproductive technology. Throughout the year Mary Byrne, Bernadette Tobin, Mary Self and Helen McCabe continued to conduct clinical ethics seminars for staff across the St. Vincent's Health Care Campus and for

medical students bringing the opportunity for ethical reflection on everyday clinical practice.

Perhaps the most absorbing project throughout the year was (a continuation of) the preparation of the first ever *Code of Ethical Standards for Catholic Health and Aged Care Services in Australia*. Work on this project began in late 1998. A Steering Group (chaired by Bishop Michael Putney and comprising Dr Walter Black, Dr John Fleming, Prof Anthony Fisher op, Dr Norman Ford, Mr Nicholas Tonti-Filippini, Dr Warwick Neville, Dr Gerald Gleeson, Dr Lawrence McNamara cm, Dr Bernadette Tobin, Dr Elizabeth Hepburn ibvm, Dr William Uren sj and Mr Ray Campbell) advised the Drafting Group (chaired by Dr Bernadette Tobin and comprising Dr Gerald Gleeson, Prof Anthony Fisher op and Sr Mary Byrne rsc). By the end of the year, the draft document was almost ready for a final review by the Steering Committee. It was anticipated that, early in the new year, Catholic Health Australia, the commissioning body, would seek approval to publish the *Code* from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

In December Dr Michael Mulvihill, Director of the Division of Research in the Department of Family Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York, described a project to find out whether the use of clinical guidelines makes a difference to patterns of transfer of older people from nursing homes into acute care hospitals.

As this Annual Report reveals, the Plunkett Centre is a small but productive research centre of Australian Catholic University and St Vincent's Health Care Campus. Once again, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and good spirits of my fellow 'plunketeers': Gerry, Mary B, John, Steve and Linda, together with that of our graduate students Peter, Helen and Mary S. Though it was a rare occasion on which we are all together, in 2000 we tried to meet for morning tea each Tuesday, and as often as not we succeeded! Perhaps it was the promise of Linda's homemade cakes, scones or muffins which really made it happen.

Bernadette Tobin
18.2.01

Management

Management Committee:

From the University:

Professor Wolfgang Grichting, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), Chairman until May, 2000

Professor John Coll, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Chairman since May, 2000

Professor Elizabeth Cameron-Traub, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences

Dr John Ozolins, Head, School of Philosophy

From the Hospital:

Mr Steven Rubic, Executive Director, St. Vincent's Private Hospital

Mr Adrian Verryt, Director of Mission, St. Vincent's Public Hospital

Professor Terry Campbell, Professor of Medicine, St. Vincent's Public Hospital

From the Centre:

Dr Bernadette Tobin, Director

In attendance:

Mrs Linda Purves, Administrative Officer (Minutes Secretary)



Postgraduate Seminar Group: pictured back row left to right:
Dr. Stephen Buckle, Ms. Helen McCabe, Dr. Megan Best, Mr. Peter Madden,
front row: Dr. Mary Self, Dr. Gary Nieukamp

Staffing

Director:

Bernadette Tobin MA MEd (Melb) PhD (Cantab) Full-time
Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, School of Philosophy
Australian Catholic University

Academic Staff:

Mary Byrne rsc RN BHSN (ACU) BTheol (MCD) Part-time .6
BA (Hons) (Melb)

Anthony Fisher op BA LLB (Syd) BTheol (MCD) Honorary
DPhil (Oxon) (Until 30 June)
Lecturer in Theology and Philosophy, School of
Philosophy, Australian Catholic University

Gerald Gleeson STB (CIS) MA (Cantab) PhD (Leuven) Part-time .3
Professor of Philosophy, Catholic Institute of Sydney

John Quilter BA (Syd) MA (Pitt) Honorary
Lecturer in Philosophy, School of Philosophy,
Australian Catholic University

Stephen Buckle MA Hons (MaqU), PhD (ANU) Honorary
Lecturer in Philosophy, School of Philosophy
Australian Catholic University

Doctoral Students:

Peter Madden BA (UNSW) Full-time

Helen McCabe RN BHA (UNSW) MA (ACU) Full-time

Mary Self MBBS Hons (Qld) MA (ACU) FRACS Full-time

Administrative Staff:

Linda Purves JP Full-time



Pictured (from left to right) at the Graduation Ceremony, 2000
Father Theo Gillian, Ms. Grace Iheanacho, Dr. Phillip Yuile,
Ms. Lois Finn, Mr. John Quilter, Dr. Bernadette Tobin and Professor John Coll

Publications

Buckle, S

“Exciting the Industry of Mankind: George Berkeley’s Philosophy of Money”, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2000

“New Studies in the Scottish Enlightenment”, *Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2000

Book Reviews:

George Berkeley “A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge”, ed Jonathan Dancy, (Oxford University Press, 1998); Berkeley, “Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous”, ed Jonathan Dancy (Oxford University Press 1998); G.W. Leibniz, “Philosophical Texts” ed R.S. Woolhouse and Richard Francks (Oxford University Press, 1998); David Hume, “An enquiry concerning the Principles of Morals”, ed Tom L. Beauchamp (Oxford University Press, 1998); John Stuart Mill, “Utilitarianism”, ed Roger Crisp (Oxford University Press, 1998), in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 78, 2000

Byrne, M

“Health Care and the Market” *Interface* 3(2) 2000, 50-69, (with Sr. Maria Cunningham rsc)

“Consent, Trust and Family Participation in Decision Making”, in Sue Ronaldson, senior editor, *Nursing Monograph, St. Vincent’s Health Care Campus: Sydney*, 2000, 18-21

“Increasing the rates of organ donation”, *Bioethics Outlook*, 11(1) March 2000, 9-11

“Consent to the medical treatment of older children: ethical issues” *Bioethics Outlook*, 11(3) September 2000, 7-12

Fisher, A

“Of Art and Blasphemy”, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 3, 2000, 137-167

“Old paradigms and new dilemmas in medical confidentiality”, in Fausto Gomez and Anniela Yu-Soliven, editors. *Love and Life-Making, Confidentiality, Xenotransplants and Aging*, Manila, UST Department of Bioethics, 2000, 33-62

Gleeson, G

“When fidelity and justice clash: testing the limits of confidentiality in Australia”, in: Keenan JF, Fuller JD, Cahill LS, Kelly K, editors. *Catholic Ethicists on HIV/AIDS Prevention*, New York: The Continuum International Publishing Group Inc, 2000, 221-30

“The Future of the Third Rite and Reconciliation”, *Australasian Catholic Record*, 77(1), 2000, 20-31

“Crisis and Opportunity in Faith”, *Compass Theology Review* 34(2), 2000, 17-22

“Organ transplantation from living donors”, *Bioethics Outlook*, 11(1), March 2000, 5-8

McCabe, H

“The ethical implications of managed care: a matter of context”, *Bioethics Outlook*, 11(3), September 2000, 1-6

“Principles for assessing the ethics of managed care arrangements”, *Bioethics Outlook*, 11(4), December 2000 8-15

Quilter, J

“ ‘Sanctity’ and ‘Quality’: where is the conflict?” *Bioethics Outlook*, 11(2), June 2000, 1-8

“The Babies Doe: Sanctity or Quality of Life?”, *Ethics Education*, 6(3), July 2000, 2-9

Self, M

“Population screening: some ethical issues”, *Bioethics Outlook*, 11(4), December 2000, 1-6

Tobin, B

“Withholding and withdrawing treatment”, Dooley B, Bearnside M, Gorton M, editors, *Surgery, Ethics and the Law*, Blackwell Science Asia 2000, 7-17

“Why we should maintain a prohibition on destructive research on human embryos”, *Australia and New Zealand Journal of Medicine* (2000), 30:4; 498-502.

“Hydration in a dying patient”, *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*, 36(4), 2000, 395-396

“The virtues in John Wilson’s approach to moral education”, *The Journal of Moral Education*, 29(3), 2000, 301-311

“Challenging our inventiveness: ethics today”, *The Australasian Catholic Record*, 77(2), 2000, 148-157

“Health care: career, profession, vocation?”, *Bioethics Outlook*, 11(2), June 2000, 9-11

Teaching

Buckle, S

Supervisor, PhD. Thesis, Surgical practice in a changing health system: resolving the ethical questions (with Bernadette Tobin)

Lecturer, Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics (Health Care), Master of Arts in Applied Ethics (Health Care)

Lecturer in Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts, Lecturer in Healthcare Ethics, Bachelor of Nursing, Lecturer in Ethics, Bachelor of Information Systems, Australian Catholic University

Byrne, M

Presenter, Registrar Training Programme, Accident & Emergency Centre, St. Vincent's Hospital

Presenter, Clinical ethics for health care professionals (Intensive Care, Outpatients, Division of Nursing at St. Vincent's Private), St. Vincent's Hospital

Presenter, Clinical ethics for medical students (third and fourth years), St. Vincent's Hospital

Presenter, *Intensive Bioethics Course*, New Children's Hospital, Westmead

Fisher, A

Lecturer in Theology and Philosophy, Australian Catholic University

Co-supervisor, PhD. Thesis, Social Justice and Asylumdom in Tasmania

Supervisor, PhD. Thesis, A Lutheran Theology of Parenthood and its Implications for Controversies in Genetics

Co-supervisor, PhD. Thesis, Philosophical issues in deinstitutionalisation, benchmarking and community care in allocation of mental health services, with special reference to treatment of schizophrenia (with Bernadette Tobin)

Co-supervisor, PhD. Thesis, After Gaudium et Spes: the engagement of "nouvelle orthodoxie" with the culture of modernity

Supervisor, M.Phil. Thesis, The 'Culture of Death' idea in *Evangelium Vitae*

Supervisor, M.Theol. Thesis, Involuntary childlessness: A theological and sociological perspective

Supervisor, M.Phil. Thesis, The idea of "Playing God" and the new genetics

Gleeson, GP

Presenter, *Intensive Bioethics Course*, New Children's Hospital, Westmead, May

McCabe, H

Presenter, Clinical ethics for medical students (fourth year), St. Vincent's Hospital

Presenter, Clinical ethics for health care practitioners (Division of Nursing), St. Vincent's Private Hospital

Quilter, JG

Lecturer, Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics (Health Care), Master of Arts in Applied Ethics (Health Care)

Coordinator, Post-graduate programmes in Applied Ethics

Supervisor, M.Phil thesis, Intellectual expertise and ethical wisdom

Supervisor, M.Phil thesis, Self-determination, law and ethics

Supervisor, PhD. Thesis, Managed Care in Australia: A philosophical inquiry into the ethical issues (with Bernadette Tobin)

Lecturer in Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts, Lecturer in Healthcare Ethics, Bachelor of Nursing, Lecturer in Ethics, Bachelor of Information Systems, Australian Catholic University

Self, MB

Presenter, Clinical ethics for medical students (fourth year), St. Vincent's Hospital

Presenter, Clinical ethics for health care practitioners (Division of Nursing), St. Vincent's Private Hospital

Tobin, BM

Lecturer, Master of Arts in Applied Ethics (Health Care)

Presenter, Clinical ethics for medical students (fourth and sixth years) St. Vincent's Hospital; Presenter, Clinical ethics for health care practitioners (Social Work, Palliative Care, Mental Health) St. Vincent's Hospital

Presenter and tutor, *Intensive Bioethics Course*, New Children's Hospital, Westmead

Supervisor, PhD. Thesis, Philosophical issues in deinstitutionalisation, benchmarking and community care in allocation of mental health services, with special reference to treatment of schizophrenia (with Anthony Fisher)

Supervisor, PhD. Thesis, Managed Care in Australia: A philosophical inquiry into the ethical issues (with John Quilter)

Supervisor, PhD. Thesis, Surgical practice in a changing health system: resolving the ethical questions (with Stephen Buckle)

Consultancies

Overall number of consultations undertaken by staff of the Centre: 54

from within the Catholic Health Care Sector	34
from outside the Catholic Health Care Sector	20

Range of people seeking a consultation:

Health care administrators	18
Doctors	6
Nurses	6
Religious	7
Social workers	4
Other	15

Types of issues on which consultation is sought:

- ◇ Ethical guidelines for business developments
- ◇ Duty of care to patients who put others at risk
- ◇ Treatment of person with endometriosis
- ◇ Reference materials for medical education
- ◇ Policy on living wills
- ◇ Policy on distribution of syringes
- ◇ Catholic principles relating to IVF techniques
- ◇ Co-location with secular facilities
- ◇ Ethics, health care and economics
- ◇ Donation of organs
- ◇ Ethical issues in evaluating a methadone clinic
- ◇ Guidance for pre-natal testing
- ◇ Ethical issues relating to health care in correctional facilities
- ◇ Ethical issues in community health
- ◇ A patient requiring enucleation of an eye
- ◇ Medical use of cannabis
- ◇ Mission and ethical issues in the merger of two hospitals
- ◇ Withdrawing and withholding treatment for patients in persistent vegetative states
- ◇ Burdens of treatment and cessation of treatment
- ◇ The principles relating to intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection techniques
- ◇ Living related liver transplants
- ◇ Physician autonomy in end of life decisions
- ◇ Ethical principles for assessing medically supervised injecting service
- ◇ Refusal to provide high-cost treatment
- ◇ Ethical issues in the provision of mental health care
- ◇ Harm minimisation

- ◇ Responsibilities of practitioners in relation to client who plans to conceive a child while HIV positive
- ◇ Ethics of “pro-choice” and “pro-life” positions
- ◇ Trade in, and use of, body parts for cosmetic surgery
- ◇ Relationship between general practitioners and representatives of pharmaceutical companies
- ◇ Material co-operation
- ◇ Co-operation between hospitals
- ◇ Provision of ethics committees
- ◇ Responding to, and caring for, manipulative patients
- ◇ Determination of death by brain function criteria
- ◇ In-vitro fertilisation, reproductive technology and assisted conception
- ◇ Selection of sex of baby
- ◇ Breaching confidentiality for the sake of protecting the health of another
- ◇ Contact between family of organ donor and recipient

Submissions

To the New South Wales Department of Health: Organ and Tissue Donation in the
Human Tissue Act 1983
(Mary Byrne)

To the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs:
Cloning and related technologies
(Bernadette Tobin)

Presentations

Byrne, M

Ways of increasing rates of organ donation - is there a place for legislative change: the ethical implications of such changes Public Forum on the Review of the Human Tissue Act 1983, Australian Red Cross Blood Service (NSW)

Does Science Have Morals? Spirituality in the Pub, Orchard Tavern, Chatswood,

Is Health Care Ethical? Ethical Issues in Health Care Seminar, Royal North Shore Hospital, Continuing Education

An Ethic of Nursing? Presentation to Nursing Staff as part of celebrations for International Nurses Day, Ryde Hospital

Morality in Science and Medical Ethics Barnabas Group, St Francis Xavier Church, Lavender Bay

Autonomy and Self Responsibility Choices: Communication and Decision Making In Palliative Care, Neringah Hospital, Wahroonga

Telling Our Story: CHA Social Accountability and Community Benefit Initiative, Catholic Health Association National Conference, Brisbane

Organ Donation: Potential Donor Wishes vs Family Wishes, Australian Bioethics Association Conference, University of Sydney

Ethical Issues and the Preparation of a Code of Ethics, General Staff Forums, Calvary Hospital, Canberra

Fisher, A

Catholic teaching and the drugs crisis, Public Meeting, Endeavour Forum, St. Joseph's Malvern, Victoria

Towards a culture of life, Summer School, Thomas More Society, University of Melbourne, Victoria

Ethical dilemmas in palliative care, Dilemmas in Ageing, Eastern Palliative Care, Palliative Care & Resuscitation, Caritas Christi, Kew, Victoria

Submission of the Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne, Commonwealth Inquiry into Scientific, Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Human Cloning, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Melbourne

Obstetrics and gynaecology in the third millennium: medical round table on seeking progress while respecting life and love, National Conference, Ovulation Method Research and Reference Centre of Australia, Templestowe, Victoria

The three loves, marriage, and the implications for individual and family morality, National Catholic Family Gathering “Dare to Dream”, Council for Marriage and the Family, Dallas Brookes Hall, Melbourne, Victoria

Towards a culture of life, National Catholic Family, Council for Marriage and the Family/Catholic Youth Ministry, Dallas Brookes Hall, Melbourne, Victoria

Ethical issues on euthanasia, Forum on euthanasia, Wesley Central Mission, Wesley Central Church, Melbourne, Victoria

Gleeson, GP

Tissue donations from Children, Public Forum on the Review of the Human Tissue Act 1983, Australian Red Cross Blood Service

A Virtue Ethics approach to human sexuality, Catholic Moral Theology Conference

Theology in the University and in the Theological College, Australian Catholic University Symposium, North Sydney

Faith & Reason – response to John McDermot and Kevin Hart, Fides et Ratio Conference, Australian Catholic University

Ethics and the care of addicted persons, Clergy Conference in Melbourne

Could an embryo be the embodiment of a human person, Conference on the Body, Catholic Institute of Sydney

Quilter, JG

Meaning, Good Thinking, Fides et Ratio Conference, Australian Catholic University

Owning Ethics, Northern Sydney Division of General Practice

Mind of Woman Born, Conference on the Body, Philosophy, Religion and Literature, Catholic Institute of Sydney, Strathfield

Jantzen’s Criticisms of Analytic Philosophy of Religion for its ‘Necrophilia’: A Qualified Defence, School of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University, Sydney

Tobin, B.M.

The principle of justice, with special reference to the care of the newborn, the care of the elderly and health care for the poor, 8th Postgraduate Course in Bioethics, Department of Medicine, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines

Patients' Rights, 8th Postgraduate Course in Bioethics, Department of Medicine, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines

Ethical Issues in Cloning. Public Forum conducted by House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Inquiry into Scientific, Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Human Cloning, Melbourne

Ethical issues associated with withdrawing or withholding life-sustaining treatment, Department of Psychiatry, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney

Determination of death by the brain function criterion, Public forum on Review of Human Tissue Act, Australian Red Cross Blood Service (NSW)

When parents demand futile therapy: a case-based ethics seminar, New Children's Hospital, Westmead

Contemporary Ethical Challenges in Health Care, Sydney Leadership Program, The Benevolent Society, Sydney

Ethical challenges in professional practice, Occasional Address, Graduation Ceremony, Australian Catholic University, Sydney

Ethical issues in the treatment and care of nursing home residents, Maroubra Junction Nursing Home, Sydney

The goals of health care in relation to newborn infants, Intensive Bioethics Course, New Children's Hospital, Westmead, Sydney

The allocation of health care resources to children, Intensive Bioethics Course, New Children's Hospital, Westmead, Sydney

Palliative medicine and its ethical challenges, Continuing Education Course for General Practitioners, Sacred Heart Hospice, Sydney

Introduction of the Consultation Draft of the Ethical Standards for Catholic Health and Aged Care Facilities, Annual Conference, Catholic Health Australia, Brisbane

Safe injecting rooms, Bellarmine Academy, Riverview College

A response to Marilyn McCord Adams and Ralph McInerney, *Fides et Ratio* Conference, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne

Ethical challenges posed by the new genetics, Wesley Private Hospital, Sydney

Response to 'Morality and Public Life' by John Menadue, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney

'Not-For-Resuscitation' orders, Office of the Public Guardian, Sydney

Ethical challenges in organ donation and transplantation, University of Sydney Graduate Medical Programme

The value of life and the problem of medical futility: Grand Rounds, Sydney Children's Hospital, Sydney

Embryo experimentation and the new cloning technologies, Annual Conference, Australian Theological Foundation, Canberra

Ethical Issues in Human Reproduction, Medical Students, University of New South Wales, Sydney

Ethical issues in the provision of palliative medicine, Intensive Training Course in Palliative Medicine, Mt Olivet Hospital, Brisbane

The case of the British Conjoined Twins: an ethical perspective, University of Sydney Law School, Sydney

Cloning and embryonic stem cell research, Christianity and Psychiatry Group, Sydney

Ethical issues in the separation of the British conjoined twins, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York

Public Media

Buckle, S

“Native Title and the Solomons Crisis”, *The Australian*, June 16, 2000

“Sporting, Prowess, Intelligence, and Racism”, *The Guardian Weekly*, September 14, 2000

Gleeson, G

“Why the Vatican rejected St. Vincent’s injecting trial”, *Catholic Weekly*, October 8, 2000

Tobin, B

Interview on ABC Radio: Should we facilitate contact between families of organ donors and recipients of organ donation?, February

Quoted in ‘Buying a pig in a poke’ by Deborah Smith, *Sydney Morning Herald*, March

Interview on ABC Radio: Using young children as sources of regenerative tissue for transplantation into siblings, March

Interview on ABC Radio: Male circumcision: a therapeutic procedure? April

Interview on ABC Radio (Canberra): Ethical issues associated with the publication of the first draft of the humane genome, June

Interview on Imbarja TV (Darwin): Ethical issues associated with xenotransplantation, June

Interview on ABC Radio: The end of life: medical decision-making, June

Interview on ABC Radio: Is it ethical to use medical data obtained by unethical means? June

Interview on ABC Radio: Ethical challenges raised by the completion of the sequencing of the human genome, July

Interview on ABC Radio: Jodie and Mary: ethical issues in the treatment and care of conjoined twins, September

Interview on ABC Radio: Ethics of conducting research on body parts removed without consent, November

Interview on ABC Radio: Proposed revision of ‘Dying with Dignity’ guidelines, December

Bioethics Outlook

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NSW Human Tissue Act

The Review of the *Human Tissue Act 1983*: organ and tissue donation and use and *post-mortem* examinations

by Deborah J. Frew

Organ transplantation from living donors

by Gerald Gleeson

Increasing the rates of organ donation

by Mary Byrne

The impact on medical practice in Intensive Care of proposed changes to the *Human Tissue Act*

by Ray Raper

Diagnosis of death by the brain function criterion: a case for ancillary testing

by Nicholas Tonti-Filippini

The vexed issue of communication between transplant recipients and families of organ donors: a sociological perspective

by Robert D. O'Neill

Involving next-of-kin in decisions about research use of human tissue from *post-mortem* examinations

by Helen McKelvie and Stephen Cordner

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Population Screening: Some Ethical Issues

by Mary Self

Principles for assessing the ethics of "Managed Care" arrangements

by Helen McCabe

Circulation

There are now 434 individuals and organisations subscribing to this quarterly publication of the Centre.

Membership of Committees

Buckle, S

Editorial Board, Australasian Journal of Philosophy

Member, Australasian Association of Philosophy

Member, British Society for the History of Philosophy

Foundation Committee Member & Newsletter Editor, Secretary, Australasian Society for the History of Philosophy

Byrne, M

Human Research Ethics Committee, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney

Bioethics Consultative Committee, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney

Steering Group, Code of Ethics, Catholic Health Australia

Drafting Group, Code of Ethics, Catholic Health Australia

Fisher, A

Editorial Board, Bioethics Pamphlets Series, Catholic Truth Society, London

Bioethics Panel, Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference

Infertility Treatment Authority of Victoria

Ethics in Clinical Practice Committee, St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne

Mission Integration and Ethics Sub-Committee, Sisters of Charity Health Service, Melbourne Region

Ethics of Clinical Practice Committee, St Vincent's & Mercy Private Hospital

Ethics Committee, Eastern Palliative Care Association

Executive Committee Member, Catholic Health Care Association of Victoria (Chairman)

Management Committee, Eastern Palliative Care Association Inc

Steering Group, Code of Ethics, Catholic Health Australia

Drafting Group, Code of Ethics, Catholic Health Australia

Archdiocesan Drugs Task Force, Archdiocese of Melbourne

Gleeson, G

Bioethics Consultative Committee, St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney

Ethics Committee, Calvary Hospital, Kogarah

National Board, Sisters of Charity Health Service

Garvan Institute of Medical Research (Director)

Steering Group, Code of Ethics, Catholic Health Australia

Drafting Group, Code of Ethics, Catholic Health Australia

Quilter, J

Ethics Committee, NSW Institute of Psychiatry

School Committee, School of Theology, Australian Catholic University

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Information Technology Committee, Australian Catholic University

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Research and Post-graduate Committee, Australian Catholic University

School of Philosophy Post-graduate Committee, Australian Catholic University

School of Philosophy Progressions Committee, Australian Catholic University

Master of Arts in Applied Ethics Review Committee, School of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University

Tobin, B

Australian Health Ethics Committee (NHMRC)

Bioethics Consultative Committee, St. Vincent's Health Care Campus, Sydney (Chair)

Mary Philippa Brazil Trust (Founder & Trustee)

Guild of St. Luke (Member of Council)

Regional Mission and Values Committee, St. Vincent's Health Care Campus, Sydney

Steering Group, Code of Ethics, Catholic Health Australia

Drafting Group, Code of Ethics, Catholic Health Australia (Chair)

Reference Group on Assisted Reproductive Technology, NSW Health Department

Australians Donate (Member of Council)

Financial Report

Income

Carried Forward (T2 A/c)	1,180 ✓	
Australian Catholic University	99,996 ✓	
Sisters of Charity Health Service	100,000 ✓	
St Vincent's: Little Shop Grant	5,000 ✓	
Catholic Health Australia: APA (I)	5,000	
ACU Grant for Computer Equipment	750 ✓	
Royal A/asia College of Surgeons APA (I)	5,000	
Catholic Health Care Association (NSW)	10,000	
Donation	923 ✓	
Membership Fees	4,625 ✓	
Course Fees	4,215 ✓	
Commissioned Research	12,403 ✓	
 Total		 \$249,092.00

Expenditure

Salaries	164,826	
Hospital Expenses	20,000	
Studentship	5,000	
Library Acquisitions	18,495	
Publications (Printing)	3,914	
Travel	7,703	
Running Expenses	16,367	
General Expenses	2,069	
Conference Expenses	1,591	
Capital Expenditure	2,400	
 Total		 \$242,365.00

Surplus (to be carried forward to 2001)

\$6,727.00