

# Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care



*Annual Report 1999*

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY



SISTERS OF CHARITY HEALTH SERVICE  
DARLINGHURST REGION  
ST VINCENT'S HEALTHCARE CAMPUS

'A community or friendship paradigm helps to explain why there is a presumption in favour of keeping confidences, including medical ones, and also why there are exceptions. Rather than consent given by autonomous strangers or rivals to each one borrowing the knowledge of another, friendship suggests that information sharing is good but that there must be limits as required by the friendships.'

**Anthony Fisher in 'Old paradigms and new dilemmas in medical confidentiality',  
*Bioethics Outlook*, Vol 10, No 1, March 1999.**

## **From the Management Committee**

David Hume's pithy statement that "the errors in religion are dangerous; those in philosophy only ridiculous" can readily be challenged if we permit bioethics to be part of philosophy. And few would doubt that it is provided that we can agree that one of the core competencies of bioethics is to improve the provision of health care and its outcome through the identification, analysis, and resolution of ethical issues as they arise in both social policy and clinical cases. The fact that the American National Human Genome Research Institute has set aside five percent of its annual research budget since 1990 for investigation into the social and ethical implications of mapping the human genome provides tangible evidence that bioethics has achieved the status of cynosure in science and society.

The Mission Statement of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Health Care is based on the conviction that in this country of ours we too will need to bridge the gap between material and social progress in the standards and practices of health care and biomedical science. Through its research, teaching and community service the Centre staff are determined to bring to public attention the need to balance the support for material and social well-being with regard to health and health care in Australia.

It is particularly pleasing to note that the Centre now has three full-time doctoral students devoting their time and effort to examining bioethics, more specifically, what it is, where it has come from, where it seems to be headed, and what its intended and unintended consequences are. In so doing they recognise that despite a common core bioethics has various manifestations and repercussions in different institutional, cultural and societal contexts. For this reason they and their supervisors borrow from a wide range of disciplines such as philosophy, sociology, anthropology, medicine, public health, history and law in an effort to shed light on the age-old dilemma of what is and what ought to be in health and health care.

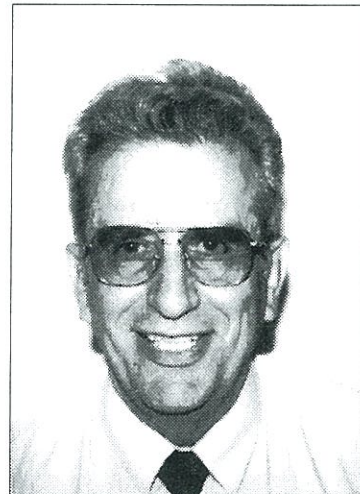
This annual report attests to the seriousness of the Director of the Centre and her staff in spelling out the assumptions, implications and consequences of competing ethics models in health care. I congratulate all of them for their courage and integrity in pursuit of a virtues-based ethics of health care.

**Professor Wolfgang L Grichting**

**Chair**

**Management Committee**

**April, 2000**



**T**he concepts which inform constitutional debate in the United States are, for the most part, the same concepts as those which are relevant to the law in this country. However, we have one basic point of departure from the United States: our law makes no distinction between the value of lives.'

**Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE in 'Vote of thanks to James Keenan SJ'**  
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‘**F**irst, a declaration of interest. There are three “plunketeers” amongst the contributors to a newly-published volume entitled *Issues for a Catholic Bioethic*. Gerald Gleeson, Anthony Fisher and Bernadette Tobin. Nevertheless, I wish warmly to recommend *Issues for a Catholic Bioethic* to our readers. In my judgement it represents an outstanding contribution to the clarification of the teachings of the Catholic Church in the context of contemporary western culture, and to the exploration of their implications in the face of new ethical issues arising from developments in clinical practice and biomedical research.’

***Bioethics Outlook*, Vol 10, No 4, December 1999**

# 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 from left to right: Dr. Gerry Gleeson, Dr. Bernadette Tobin,  
Dr. Anthony Fisher & Sr. Mary Byrne**

## Director's Report

The Plunkett Centre was formally established in 1992, with the signing of the first Memorandum of Understanding between Australian Catholic University and St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney (though historians will note its earlier origins in the activities of Professor Muredach Dynan, Brother Brian Grenier and Mr Christopher Rigby at the Centre for Studies in Bioethics at the Catholic College of Education Sydney!). At the suggestion of Fr Edmund Campion, the Centre was named in honour of John Hubert Plunkett, a great friend and supporter of the first Sisters of Charity in Australia and a great Catholic statesman in the young colony of New South Wales.

Over the last ten years, the activities of the Centre have grown and developed. The first fruits of the Centre were a series of seminars on bioethical issues in Catholic healthcare institutions in Sydney, the establishment of a clinical consultation service at St Vincent's, and the introduction of a new, relatively informal quarterly publication called *Bioethics Outlook*. Over the last ten years, the Centre's activities have both widened (to include teaching of clinical ethics, the (sometimes successful) application for competitive grants for university-based research, the supervision of postgraduate degrees (both course-based and research-based) and productive collaboration with peak organisations in the health care field.

The goals of the Centre are set out elsewhere in this Report. They explain the delicate balance we try to achieve between three sorts of activities: activities appropriate to a University (and, more precisely, to a Catholic university in a secular society), activities appropriate to an ethics centre located on the campus of set of health care institutions (a public teaching hospital, a private hospital, a hospice, a medical clinic, a medical research institute, etc), and activities appropriate to a centre which aims to make a direct contribution to informing and deepening the community's reflection on ethical issues in health care and biomedical research.

On the Darlinghurst Campus of St Vincent's, the Plunkett Centre undertakes clinical education, clinical consultation and contributes to the development of procedures and protocols through the Bioethics Consultative Committee. There were significant achievements in each of these arenas in 1999. The clinical education program had two arms: one part of the program is offered to medical students, in particular to those in the fourth year of their study, the other to all health care professionals (doctors, nurses, social workers, administrators, ancillary staff) in key clinical areas. Small group tutorials for the medical students covered such topics as the internal goals of medicine and the proper limits to medical endeavour, the withdrawing or withholding of life-sustaining treatment, decision-making and consent to treatment, organ donation and transplantation and the ethics of conducting research on people who are also one's patients. Quarterly clinical ethics sessions were held in Intensive Care, Accident and Emergency, Palliative Care, Mental Health, Social Work: here, discussion was based on a case presented by a member of staff.

As a University centre of Australian Catholic University, the Plunkett Centre contributes to teaching in the University's Master of Arts in Applied Ethics (Health Care) and supervises students undertaking postgraduate research. In 1999 the Centre collaborated with the Australasian College of Surgeons in the preparation of a grant application for an Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry) under the Australian Research Council's Strategic Partnerships with Industry program. We were delighted to find that we were successful in this application, a third in four years. As the year closed an experienced surgeon had applied to undertake the three year research project with us.

As for our other activities, they are mostly listed in the following pages. However, an Annual Report is an imperfect instrument for conveying the detail and the texture of our various activities. No mention elsewhere in this Report of the fact that, during 1999, the medical sociologist Dr Robert Irvine (of the University of Newcastle) was a visiting scholar at the Centre, spending the year working on his history of Australian bioethics: Rob was a frequent participator in our seminar program. And almost no mention in the following pages of a project that occupied much of our time and energy in 1999: the drafting of a set of *Ethical Standards for Australian Catholic Health and Aged Care Facilities*. (The work was commissioned by Catholic Health Australia, is overseen by a Steering Committee which is chaired by Bishop Michael Putney, and most of the actual writing is being done by a Drafting Group from the Centre.) So, I am glad to be able to report that the Plunkett Centre now has its own website (<http://www.acu.edu.au/plunkett/>) which offers another window onto our activities.

During 1999, we farewelled Dr Brian Dwyer, a member of our Management Committee since its inception in 1993. Brian is the retired Head of the *Brian Dwyer Department of Anaesthetics* at St Vincent's Hospital. He was, and still is, admired and loved at the Hospital. In his time with us, he was a wonderful source of direction and encouragement. More than anyone else, he always insisted on the critical importance of our making a contribution to the formation of young doctors. We shall miss him greatly.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of my fellow 'plunketeers': Gerry, Mary, John, Helen, Peter and, in particular, Linda. As our Administrative Officer, Linda is often the public face of the Plunkett Centre. I have lost count of the number of times people have complimented me on Linda's cheerful readiness to assist people who come to us for help. And she makes delicious muffins too!

**Bernadette Tobin**

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2000**

# Management

## Management Committee:

### From the University:

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

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

Dr Laurie Woods, Head, School of Theology

### From the Hospital:

Dr Denise Robinson, Executive Director, St. Vincent's Public Hospital

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

Dr Brian Dwyer, Retired Head of the Brian Dwyer Anaesthetics Department

### From the Centre:

Dr Bernadette Tobin, Director



Pictured from left to right: Linda Purves, Peter Madden, Helen McCabe

## Staffing

### Director:

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

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

Martin Kelly MB BS (Qld) BA (Macq) Honorary  
(Until 30 June)

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

### Doctoral Students:

Peter Madden BA (UNSW) Full-time

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

### Administrative Staff:

Linda Purves JP Full-time



**Pictured from left to right: John Quilter, Martin Kelly, Mary Byrne,  
Linda Purves, Gerry Gleeson, seated, Bernadette Tobin**

## Publications

### Fisher, A

- “Moral decision-making in difficult dilemmas”, *Ethics Education*, 5(1) (Feb 1999), 1-9
- “Old paradigms and new dilemmas in medical confidentiality”, *Bioethics Outlook* 10(1) (Mar 1999), 1-12
- “The horror of cloning and farming for organ harvests”, *Catholic Leader*, 28 March 1999, 9
- “Early induction of labor: legal and ethical considerations” with (K. Clark, J. Keown and W. Neville), *Linacre Quarterly* 66(2), (May 1999), 7-25
- “Is there a distinctive rôle for the Catholic hospital in a pluralist society?” in *Issues for a Catholic Bioethic*, Luke Gormally (ed), Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1999, 200-230
- “Why some people are uneasy about injecting rooms”, *Bioethics Outlook*, 10(3) (Sept 1999), 11-16
- “Community Encounter: a positive approach to heroin addiction”, *Thomas More Centre Bulletin*, 11(3) (Oct. 1999), 10-11
- “The Our Father of Catholic health and aged care”, *Health Matters*, 2(Oct. 1999), 2-3
- “Of Art and Blasphemy” with H Ramsay, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* (in print)
- “The Sacred and Sublime” with (H Ramsay and M Casey), *Law, Text & Culture* (in print)

### Byrne, M

- “Refusal of Life Sustaining Treatment” in *Nursing Monograph*, St Vincent’s Health Care Campus: Sydney, 1999, 7-10
- “Managed care: the ethical issues of clinical pathways and capitation” in Christopher J. Newell (ed) *What is this thing called Bioethics? Proceedings of the Sixth National Conference of the Australian Bioethics Association*, Hobart, October 1998, 25-28

### Gleeson, G

- “Medical Management of Ectopic Pregnancy” in *Issues for a Catholic Bioethic*, Luke Gormally (ed.), Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1999, 359-70
- “May the Church Judge Philosophy?”, *Compass Theology Review* 33(1) (Autumn 1999) 17-20
- “The Scope of the Church’s Moral Teaching: a rejoinder to Frank Mobbs”, *The Australasian Catholic Record*, LXXVI (1999), 93-95



“An Ethical Reflection on Medically Supervised Injecting Rooms”, *Bioethics Outlook*, 10(3), 7-10

“St. Vincent’s withdraws from supervised injecting room”, *Bioethics Outlook*, 10(4) 1-6

“Safer Injecting Room”, *Compass Theology Review*, 33(3) (1999), 41-43

“St Vincent’s Withdraws from Supervised Injecting Room Service, *Compass Theology Review*, 33(4) (1991), 42-44

“Pinpointing the ‘Crisis of Faith’”, *National Outlook*, 21(6) (August 1999); 11-13

“The Debate over *Ad Tuendam Fidem*”, *Fidelity*, (Autumn, 1999), 27-29

“Ethics and the Advances in Genetic Medicine” in *Proceedings*, St Vincent’s Clinic, Sydney, 7(1) (1999), 9-13

Review of: *Self-Fulfilment* by Alan Gewirth. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998) in *Theological Studies*, 60(4) (1999), 780-782

### **Kelly, M**

Review of *Japanese and Western Bioethics - Studies in Moral Diversity*, edited by Kazumasa Hoshinoe in *Metascience* 8 (3) November 1999

### **Madden, P**

“A critical evaluation of the disability adjusted life year (DALY) with reference to its use as an instrument for allocating resources in health care” in Christopher J. Newell (ed) *What is this thing called Bioethics? Proceedings of the Sixth National Conference of the Australian Bioethics Association*, Hobart, October 1998, 108-115

### **Tobin, B**

“Science, Technology and Social Conscience” in *Discerning the Australian Social Conscience*, edited by Frank Brennan, Jesuit Publications, Sydney, 1999, 132-139, 157-158, 159-160, 161, 163, 164-165, 166-167, 169-170, 173-174, 177-178, 179-180

“Can a patient's refusal of life-prolonging treatment be morally upright when it is motivated neither by the belief that the treatment would be clearly futile nor by the belief that the consequences of treatment would be unduly burdensome?” in *Issues for a Catholic Bioethic*, Luke Gormally (ed), Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1999, 334-340

“Why the return to a virtues-based ethics of health care?”, *Ethics Fatigue: the Fracturing of Medical Ethics*, *Proceedings of Conference conducted by the Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine*, University of Sydney, 1999

“Deliberately cloning human beings: on the significance of even contemplating it!” *Health Matters*, Issue 2, October 1999, 10-11

# Teaching

## **Byrne, M.**

Presenter, Clinical Ethics for health care professionals (Accident and Emergency, 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, Sydney, May

## **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

Supervisor, PhD. Thesis, The Moral Texture of Decent Reactive Attitudes to Historical Wrongs, 1998

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

Presenter, Intensive Bioethics Course, Sydney, May

## **Gleeson, G.P.**

Presenter, Intensive Bioethics Course, Sydney, May

**McCabe, H.**

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

**Quilter J.G.**

Lecturer, Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics (Health Care)

Lecturer, 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, Honours thesis, Euthanasia and the Law

**Tobin, B.M.**

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

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

Presenter and tutor, Intensive Bioethics Course, Sydney, May

Presenter, Clinical Ethics for health care professionals (Social Work, Palliative Care, Mental Health, Division of Nursing in St. Vincent's Private), St. Vincent's Hospital

Supervisor, PhD. Thesis, Philosophical Issues in Deinstitutionalisation, Benchmarking and Community Care in Allocation of Mental Health Services, with special reference to Treatment of Schizophrenia

Supervisor, PhD. Thesis, Managed Care in Australia: A philosophical inquiry into the ethical issues

## Consultancies

**Overall number of consultations undertaken by staff of the Centre: 39**

from within the Darlinghurst Campus	15
from outside the Darlinghurst Campus	24

**Range of people seeking a consultation:**

Health care administrators	6
Doctors	9
Nurses	9
Religious	8
Social workers	2
Students	2
Other bioethics centres	2
Other	3

**Types of issues on which consultation is sought:**

- ◇ consent for diagnostic procedures for a patient with a phobia about needles
- ◇ the issues surrounding implementation of a case management model of care
- ◇ CPR: general principles and protocols
- ◇ proposal to establish men's health service: ethical principles
- ◇ withdrawing and withholding treatment: general principles and protocols
- ◇ the treatment of unborn infants with severe abnormalities
- ◇ principles for a code of ethics in an aged care facility
- ◇ confidentiality of a new HIV diagnosis
- ◇ prophylactic surgery
- ◇ gender reassignment surgery
- ◇ ethical issues which arise in obstetrics and gynaecology
- ◇ treatment of a patient with a brain stem haemorrhage
- ◇ research project on patients' attitudes to euthanasia
- ◇ code of ethics in palliative care
- ◇ ethical principles relating to IVF
- ◇ organ donation: general principles and protocols

- ◇ CPR: principles and protocols in palliative care
- ◇ guardianship and health care plan for patient in hospice care
- ◇ need for “reflective presence” in acute care
- ◇ constraints on telling relatives when a person is nearing death
- ◇ testing of health status of candidates for ordination
- ◇ publishing policies on palliative care
- ◇ survey of surgeons’ attitudes to euthanasia
- ◇ tissue transplantation from an infant to a sibling
- ◇ re-inserting a feeding tube: ethical issues
- ◇ advice to research participants who may become pregnant whilst participating in a research project
- ◇ care and management of patient with AIDS dementia
- ◇ refusal of radiotherapy treatment
- ◇ donating organs
- ◇ dental care for people who are aged or mentally ill in institutional care: ethical issues
- ◇ trial of new diagnostic tool on terminally ill patients: the ethics of obtaining consent
- ◇ catholic health professional associations
- ◇ “material co-operation” in the provision of health care
- ◇ living wills
- ◇ providing professional health care to close relatives
- ◇ a code of ethics for palliative care

## Submissions

1999

To National Health and Medical Research Council: *Draft Guidelines on Familial Aspects of Cancer 1998*  
(Mary Byrne)

To Working Party on National Data Collection in Assisted Reproductive Technology:  
*Report on National Data Collection on Assisted Reproductive Technology*  
(Mary Byrne and Bernadette Tobin)

To Australian Health Ethics Committee: *Draft Guidelines for Genetic Registers and Associated Genetic Material*  
(Mary Byrne and Bernadette Tobin)

To Australian Health Ethics Committee: *Draft Guidelines for Human Somatic Cell Gene Therapy and Related Technologies*  
(Mary Byrne and Bernadette Tobin)

To Federal Privacy Commissioner: *National Principles for the Fair Handling of Personal Information and their application to personal health information*  
(Mary Byrne and Bernadette Tobin)

To Australian Health Ethics Committee Genetics Working Group: *Draft Guidance on Ethical Aspects of Human Genetic Testing*  
(Mary Byrne and Bernadette Tobin)

To South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service: *Palliative Care Strategic Directions*  
(Mary Byrne and Bernadette Tobin)

To World Medical Association: *Proposed Revision of the Declaration of Helsinki*  
(Mary Byrne and Bernadette Tobin)

To House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs:  
*Review of the Report of the Australian Health Ethics Committee to the Minister on the Scientific, Ethical and Regulatory Considerations relevant to the Cloning of Human Beings*  
(Three Submissions prepared by Bernadette Tobin, Mary Byrne and Anthony Fisher)

To South Australian Legislative Council Select Committee: *Voluntary Euthanasia Bill 1996*  
(Presentations made by Anthony Fisher and Bernadette Tobin)

**T**his is the basic reason for considering a “medically supervised injecting room” in the context of a wider drugs strategy. The goals are first to keep alive those people most at risk, by having medical assistance close to where they use drugs, and secondly, to connect these people with opportunities for rehabilitation.’

**Dr. Gerald Gleeson**

**A**ustralia has barely begun to provide adequate preventative drug education programmes and targeted family support, and has unconscionable waiting lists for access to detoxification.’

**Dr. Anthony Fisher OP**

**'Symposium on Supervised Injecting Rooms'**  
***Bioethics Outlook*, Vol 10, No 3, September 1999**

## Presentations

### Byrne M.

*Introduction to Ethics*, Senior Staff Forum, St Vincent's Hospital, Launceston

*End of Life Issues*, Senior Staff Forum, St Vincent's Hospital, Launceston

*Institutional Cooperation*, Senior Staff Forum, St Vincent's Hospital, Launceston

*Ethical Issues in Mental Health Care*, General Staff Forum, St Vincent's Hospital, Launceston

*Ethical Issues in Refusal of Life Sustaining Treatment*, General Staff Forum, St Vincent's Hospital, Launceston

*Ethical Issues in Informed Consent and Organ Donation*, General Staff Forum, St Vincent's Hospital, Launceston

*Ethical Basis of Resource Management in Light of the Internal Goals of Nursing*, National Conference of the Institute of Nursing Executives of NSW & ACT, Sydney

### Fisher A.

*Ethical issues in organ transplantation and xenotransplantation*, Post-Graduate Course in Bioethics, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, Catholic University of the Philippines, Manila

*Old paradigms and new dilemmas in medical confidentiality*, Post-Graduate Course in Bioethics, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, Catholic University of the Philippines, Manila

*Jesus' healing mission: a theological perspective*, Catholic Chaplains' Association, Mercy Hospital, Melbourne; and *Mercy Health and Aged Care Education Programme*, Mercy Hospital for Women; St Brigid's, Fitzroy

*Ethical challenges in palliative care*, vision workshop, Eastern Palliative Care, Caritas Christi Hospice, Kew

*Scientific, Ethical and, Regulatory Issues involved in Human Cloning*, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, Goold House, Melbourne

*An ethical framework for end of life decision making*, Medical Care at the End of Life, Catholic Doctors Association of Victoria, Mercy Hospital for Women, Melbourne

*The delineation of research and clinical practice, particularly in relation to freezing oocytes*, Epworth Research Ethics Committee, Richmond

*The delineation of research and clinical practice*, Infertility Treatment Authority Melbourne

*Conscience*, Introduction to Philosophy Course, Catholic Pastoral Formation Centre, Melbourne

*Virtue*, Introduction to Philosophy Course, Catholic Pastoral Formation Centre, Melbourne

*Conscience*, Catholic Youth Ministry, Youth Camp, The Basin

*New strategies in preaching the Gospel of Life: an Episcopal Vicar's view*, Right to Life Victoria Annual Conference, Genzzano College, Melbourne



*Catholic aged care: do we make a difference?* Rice Village, Geelong

*Challenges for Catholic Hospital Chaplains in the 21st Century*, Catholic Chaplains in Health Care Association, St Brigid's Primary School, North Fitzroy

*The next millenium—respect for life or cyber-slick solutions?* Right to Life Federation of Australia Biennial Conference, University of New South Wales, Sydney

*Some theological issues in cloning*, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Consultation on Commonwealth Inquiry into Cloning, Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, Canberra

*Ethical issues in correctional health*, Sisters of Charity Health Service National Conference, Melbourne

*Catholic aged care: do we make a difference?* Sisters of Nazareth National Conference, Camberwell

*Ethical issues in palliative care*, Ethics Workshop, Eastern Palliative Care, Burwood Care Centre

*The Our Father of Catholic health and aged care*, Cabrini Hospital, Malvern

#### **Gleeson G.P.**

*Human Development and Catholic Moral Theology*, Inaugural meeting of *Humanita*, Sydney

*Fides et ratio*, Australian Catholic University, Sydney

*Ethics*, Defence Forces Character Leadership Course, Sydney

*Issues of conscience*, Natural Family Planning Course, Sydney

*Proposals for a National Code of Ethics*, Annual Conference of Catholic Health Australia, Melbourne

*Germain Grisez and the principles of legitimate cooperation*, Catholic Moral Theology Association of Australia & New Zealand, Melbourne

*Ethics of a supervised injecting room*, Nursing Education Seminar, St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Sydney

#### **Kelly M.**

*Nothing left unloved: grace, spirit and embodiment*, Inaugural Pastoral Care Conference, Kensington

*Euthanasia*, Workshop, Star of the Sea School, Melbourne

*Models of Pastoral Care*, Inaugural Pastoral Care Conference, Kensington

*A spirituality for the heart - Grace, Spirit and Prayer* Inaugural Pastoral Care Conference, Kensington

*The Catholic Order of Funerals*, Inaugural Pastoral Care Conference, Kensington

**Quilter, J.G.**

*Charlewsorth and religious pluralism*, ACU Network of Philosophy, Australian Catholic University

**Tobin, B.M.**

*Procedures for the development of Australian guidelines on xenotransplantation*, Seminar on Safety of transplanting pig tissue into humans, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney

*Science and technology: ethical issues*, Discerning the Australian Social Conscience, Jesuit Lenten Series, Melbourne and Sydney

*Religious and Cultural Perspectives on Contemporary Genetics*, Human Genome Society, Brisbane

*South Australia's investigation of a proposal to legalise euthanasia*, Social Development Committee Parliament House, Adelaide

*The revival of relativism*, Kincoppal-Rose Bay Faculty Meeting, Sydney

*Ethical guidelines for withdrawing or withholding life-sustaining treatment*, 27th Annual Conference, Renal Society of Australasia, Sydney

*Attitudinal changes to dying this century*, Catholic Doctors' Association of Victoria, Melbourne

*Principles of ethics relevant to palliative medicine*, Mt Olivet Hospital, Brisbane

*Ethical issues in hospital practice*, Annual General Meeting, Medical Staff, St Vincent's Private Hospital, Sydney

*"Donation" of tissue from infant to sibling*, Ethics Forum, New Children's Hospital, Sydney

*Ethical issues in community-based palliative care*, Sacred Heart Hospice Community Care Team, Sydney

*Ethics and mortality in health care practice*, St Vincent's Hospital, Lismore

*Ethics and the law: a case study of a confusion in the relationship between the two*, Seventh Australasian and Pacific Conference on Delegated Legislation and Fourth Australasia and Pacific conference on the Scrutiny of Bills, Parliament House, Sydney

*Aids Dementia and the just allocation of resources*, Aids Dementia and HIV Psychiatry Team, Darlinghurst Community Centre

*The ethics of cloning*, National Women's Register, Sydney

*The ethics of reproduction*, Medical Students, University of New South Wales, Sydney

*Evidence-based medicine*, Annual Hospital Meeting, New Children's Hospital, Sydney

*Peter Singer's views on euthanasia and abortion of children expected to have disabilities: a philosopher's critique*, Physical Disability Council of NSW, Sydney

*Traditional medical ethics re withdrawing or withholding life-sustaining treatment v euthanasia*, The Bellarmine Society, Riverview College, Sydney

# Bioethics Outlook

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by Anthony Fisher

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### Circulation

**Circulation** of *Bioethics Outlook* continues to grow. There are now 445 individuals and organisations subscribing to this quarterly publication of the Centre, an increase of just under one hundred in the last year.

## Membership of Committees

### **Byrne, M.**

Research Ethics Committee, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney

Bioethics Consultative Committee, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney (in attendance)

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

Human Ethics Committee, University of Sydney, Sydney

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

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

**Kelly, M.**

Ethics Committee of Hawkesbury and District Health Services (until June, 1999)

**Quilter J.**

Ethics Committee, NSW Institute of Psychiatry

School Committee, School of Theology, Australian Catholic University

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Information Committee, Australian Catholic University

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

Philosophy of Network Post-graduate Committee, Australian Catholic University

School of Theology (NSW) Progressions Committee, Australian Catholic University

**Tobin B.M.**

Australian Health Ethic 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

# Financial Report

## Income

Australian Catholic University	100,000	
Sisters of Charity Health Service	100,000	
St Vincent's: APA (I)	5,000	
Catholic Health Australia: APA (I)	5,000	
Catholic Health Care Association (NSW)	10,000	
Membership Fees	4,283	
Course Fees	3,216	
Commissioned Research	17,438	
Other (Internal Revenue)	5,760	
Total		\$250,697

## Expenditure

Salaries	167,495	
Hospital Expenses	20,000	
Studentship	10,000	
Library Acquisitions	10,176	
Publications (Printing)	4,213	
Travel	11,983	
Running Expenses	8,858	
General Expenses	238	
Consultancy Fees	7,438	
Conference Expenses	1,992	
Capital Expenditure	2,000	
Carried Forward	5,121	
Total		\$249,514
Surplus (to be carried forward to 2000)		\$1,183