



*President's Message  
at the  
Internet Publication of the Pope  
John Paul II Lecture Series in  
Bioethics*

The Pope John Paul II Lecture Series was established to promote the mission the great Pope enunciated in his first encyclical, *Redemptor Hominis*:

*The development of technology and the development of contemporary civilization, which is marked by the ascendancy of technology, demand a proportional development of morals and ethics. (n. 16)*

In the intervening two decades dramatic advances in science, technology and medicine have opened new horizons for human progress while at the same time presenting ethical and moral challenges. Authentic bioethical inquiry aims at grasping the moral significance of this developing human ingenuity. The lecture series now published through the web site of Holy Apostles College and Seminary undertakes this inquiry in exemplary fashion. In examining the ethical implications of the technological and biological revolution, this esteemed college of critical thinkers and scholars offer a model for Catholic bioethical analysis.

In the lectures collected to date, and more certainly to come, The Pope John Paul II Bioethics Center fulfills a munus central to evangelical witness and the Catholic intellectual tradition. May those who avail themselves of the opportunity to explore the scholarship presented by these lectures richly benefit from the experience.

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