"THE STORY OF THE POPE JOHN XXIII CENTER" was retold over and over to hundreds of delegates and attendees at the Catholic Hospital Assembly in Washington D.C. in June at the Center’s promotional booth. On a television-like program, visitors to the booth heard descriptions and saw visuals depicting some of the many issues raised by rapidly advancing science and technology. The theme stressed during the presentation was that the Pope John Center’s research rests on the basic truth of the dignity of the human person.

Monsignor John E. Molan
Honored for service

Monsignor John E. Molan received a Chairman’s plaque complete with gavel from the Board of Directors at their meeting on May 3rd. The award was made to Msgr. Molan in gratitude for his apostolic leadership in guiding the operations of the Pope John Center during his long tenure as Chairman of the Board of Directors from March 1973 through December 1976.

First Resident Research Fellow Works On New Report

This summer the Pope John XXIII Center had its first Resident Research Fellow, Gary M. Atkinson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophy at William Woods College in Fulton, Mo. He and Father Albert S. Moraczewski, O.P., Ph.D. have been editing the Genetic Diagnosis and Counseling Task Force Report. This study presents an overview of medical genetics and examines a variety of ethical questions related to the practice of genetic counseling, especially as applicable to a Catholic health facility. A section of the report is devoted to the legal aspects, especially as related to the kinds of services such a diagnostic and counseling center would be expected to provide. Dr. Atkinson will be returning to his teaching post after August 15th. The experience gained from his presence will be very useful in planning and arranging for other Resident Research Fellows from different parts of the country to participate in the research activities of the Pope John Center. It is anticipated that the encouraging of junior faculty members to spend several months at the Center will help develop a cadre of highly competent and well-trained medical ethicists to serve the needs of the Catholic health ministry in the coming decades.