

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS QUARTERLY

**Call for Papers  
Spring 2012**

**“Principle of Totality and Integrity”**

**Deadline for Submissions  
August 3, 2011**

We seek papers that will examine the principle of totality and integrity in all its theoretical and practical aspects. We invite reflections on its place in secular bioethics and in public law as well. Historical studies are also welcome. We are especially interested in the application of this principle to particular cases in medicine.

The following are suggested topics and are not meant to be an exhaustive listing:

- Theoretical inquiries into the nature, origin, or justification of the principle of totality and integrity
- Difficult or enlightening cases of moral dilemmas that can be resolved using the principle
- Misuses or abuses of totality-and-integrity reasoning, in which the principle supposedly justifies what is in fact unjustifiable
- Discussions of the principle as used and developed by well-known ethicists, present and past
- Assessments of criticisms of the principle by secular bioethicists
- Discussions of defects in or limitations to the principle
- Studies of particular applications of the principle to surgery, organ donation, sex changes, sterilization, indirect abortion, and other cases
- Novel proposals for use of the principle to resolve difficult moral quandaries
- Appeals to the principle in decisions handed down in courts of law
- Considerations of the differences between the ideas of totality and integrity, the historical development of these ideas, and their relation to each other

Submissions should be sent by e-mail to Edward J. Furton, MA, PhD, Editor-in-Chief, at [efurton@ncbcenter.org](mailto:efurton@ncbcenter.org), or by surface mail to *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, 6399 Drexel Road, Philadelphia, PA 19151-2511. Materials under consideration for publication in *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* should not be submitted elsewhere while under review.

Please feel free to contact the editor if you have inquiries about your submission or would like an extension of the deadline.

**Submission Dates for *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly***

August 3, 2011, for the Spring 2012 issue

October 3, 2011, for Summer 2012

January 3, 2012, for Autumn 2012

April 3, 2012, for Winter 2012