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Dignitas personae

**Deadline for Submissions:
July 3, 2009**

In view of the recent publication of the Instruction *Dignitas personae* on Certain Bioethical Questions, we are delaying our call for papers on the principle of double effect, and calling instead for submissions on this important new document for the Spring 2010 thematic issue of *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*. Deadline for submissions is July 3, 2009. We are looking for papers that will examine any and all aspects of the document, provide commentary on its various sections, and highlight advances, enduring controversies, and new applications of Church teaching. The following are suggested topics and are not meant to be an exhaustive listing:

- Discussions of any new developments in the document, especially if these are not immediately apparent but require investigation
- Observations on whether the Church has advanced her teaching on the moment when the soul is infused
- Commentary on the role of faith and reason in the Church's analysis of contemporary issues in bioethics
- Reviews of the various specific techniques in reproductive technology, such as IVF, ICSI, and PGD
- Discussion of whether or not the document sheds light on the question of embryo adoption and the proper treatment of frozen embryos
- Analyses of the Church's teaching on interceptive and contragestive methods of preventing pregnancy
- Articles on the use of somatic cell and germ line therapies, and especially the apparent openness in principle to germ-line genetic engineering
- Discussions of how the document treats such issues as cloning, stem cell research, and human–animal hybridization
- Reflections on the use of biological material of illicit origin, especially as this affects research centers which routinely make use of such material

Submissions should be sent by e-mail to Edward J. Furton, M.A., Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief, at efurton@ncbcenter.org, or by surface mail to the *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.

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