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**“Principle of Double Effect”**

**Deadline for Submissions:**

**July 3, 2009**

Spring is the thematic issue of *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* for 2010. Deadline for submissions is July 3, 2009. We are looking for papers that will examine the principle of double effect in all of its theoretical and practical aspects. The principle is generally recognized to have had its origin in the theological literature, but we invite reflections as well on its place in secular bioethics and in public law. Historical studies are also welcome. 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 double effect
- Difficult or enlightening cases of moral dilemmas that can be resolved using the principle of double effect
- Misuses or abuses, in which the principle supposedly justifies what is in fact immoral
- Discussions of the principle as used and developed by well-known ethicists, present and past
- Assessments of the criticisms directed against the principle by secular bioethicists
- Studies of particular applications of the principle to such cases as craniotomy, sterilization, indirect abortion, pain relief, and other standard cases
- Appeals to the principle of double effect in the decisions handed down in the courts of the United States and in other countries
- Considerations of the difference between foreseeing and intending
- Studies of any of the individual elements that the principle comprises and how they are ordered in relation to each other

Submissions should be sent by e-mail to Edward J. Furton, M.A., Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief, at [efurton@ncbcenter.org](mailto: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.

Please feel free to contact the editor with any inquiries you may have concerning submissions.

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

October 3, 2008, for the Summer 2009 issue

January 3, 2009, for Autumn 2009

April 3, 2009, for Winter 2009

July 3, 2009, for Spring 2010