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In his powerful St. Ives Lecture, *The Nature of a Catholic Law School—Personal Reflections*, delivered April 9, 1981, the Dean of The Catholic University School of Law eloquently made the following points. A Catholic law school must participate in a life of service designed to promote social justice, to speak on behalf of the poor and the oppressed, and to show an active involvement in law reform and social movements. A marriage of scholarship, education, training, and service flows from the mission of a Catholic law school, he observed, a mission that demands of the school that it not be parochial, but rather pluralistic, and that its most basic or central purpose be “to discover, impart, and apply truth and values from all perspectives.”

As a vital and significant part of Catholic University’s Law School, the Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy will endeavor to meet the mission and fulfill the responsibility of that vision. We will seek to explore objectively—yet with a spirit of Christian humanism—the varied aspects of social justice in an effort to chart and to participate in both law reform and current social movements. We encourage a diversity of views in our pilgrimage to discover the truth and to disseminate it.

It is with a sense of pride and gratitude that we dedicate our inaugural issue of this Journal to Steven P. Frankino, Dean of The Catholic University of America School of Law, who has not only encouraged and enthusiastically supported our beginning, but who has ennobled us all by his vision and idealism, his leadership and grace, and his unreserved commitment to excellence at our Law School and our University.

