Special Feature

Sister Mary Inez Livingston, RSM, displays a doll which she dressed in a costume made up of 50 $1 bills. The doll will be featured at the Sisters of Mercy annual Roast Beef Dinner and Sale, 4-8 p.m., Saturday, April 16, at the motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road. Tickets at $4.50, adults; $4, senior citizens; $2, children under 10, are available from any Sister of Mercy. Proceeds will aid Melita House for unwed pregnant teens and women, run by the congregation.

Viewpoint:
Sisters Reflect

By Sister Marguerite Dynski, SSJ, MD

Healing Through Prayer

Peace has occupied a special place in my life since my 16th year. One September day, my healthy grandfather was holding my youngest sister while walking me to the door when unexpectedly he became philosophical and missioned me to always keep peace in the family, especially among my sisters. He died the next day.

As a surgeon I strive to bring good health and restoration of harmony to my patients. Patients come to be broken — broken from trauma or from unexpected acute illness. Others will be broken by my scalpel to remove a diseased organ and to restore the natural, peaceful order. Sometimes emotional and spiritual health need healing. These areas may be strengthened by my prayer life and the prayers of my community.

Dying is a part of my professional life and may be a source of peace. In seemingly hopeless moments, when my skill as a surgeon or science has nothing more to offer, I rely on prayer as a source of inner healing. I pray with and for the patient, family and friends. Death may be the most disruptive event since birth. Fear of the unknown is alleviated once one unites with God. The separation from earthly people is grieved until the desire to enter into the communion of saints is realized. Saints are those special people in our lives who precede us and prepare us for the heavenly kingdom. Pain may be better endured through sharing in Christ's suffering. Once the dying person accepts death, they often facilitate the acceptance of this event by family, medical staff, friends and myself.

Occasionally I have the privilege of bringing Eucharist to patients. Amazingly, when patients are poor in health they are often rich in prayer and gratitude, conversing only about their blessings and whatever good health remains. It is a privilege to realize that for some, this Eucharist is their Viaticum.

At our hospital weekend liturgy, a two-year-old boy is a weekly worshiper. He has learned the kiss of peace and independently greets everyone up and down the aisle. He climbs around and through the chairs and elderly people. No one can resist reaching down to his tiny outstretched arm and soon there are smiles and giggling. In his weakness he brings the power of peace and reminds us that peace is not necessarily somber.

My own faith journey is preparing me for the New Jerusalem, the new city of peace as carried in its name. "Salem" comes from shalom which translates as peace. Peace was bestowed on us by Christ through the New Law and is integral for God's Kingdom here on earth and in heaven. My patients, family and friends have shared with me some of this peace. This gift to me is overwhelmingly greater that any skill, knowledge, care or gift that I can return to them.

Sister Marguerite Dynski, SSJ, MD, is a general surgeon.

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