

## INTRODUCTION

While the edition of this issue is being prepared, the first anniversary of the death of Professor Elio Sgreccia is commemorated, which occurred on June 5, 2019. He was the greatest exponent of ontological personalism, applied to Bioethics, and he was the founder of the Institute and the Bioethics Center of the University of the Sacro Cuore in Rome, in 1984. The *Medicina e Morale* magazine also founded by him depends from the above-mentioned institutions, and to which for several years our own magazine was linked, through an agreement to publish and translate the articles of the Italian magazine into Spanish. Currently, both magazines are independent, and the Mexican one has been going out uninterruptedly four times per year, for thirty years.

Elio Sgreccia has managed to create a school of thought, not only through the formal teaching of the Institute, as well as its countless publications and communications on social media, but also due to the multiple dissemination activities, and the time he worked in the Pontifical Academy of Life before and during his presidency.

His path in bioethics began, after having attended for 10 years the university ministry of that university, where the biomedical campus is located, and published moral reflections on medicine. He was invited by the Council of Europe to represent the Vatican in the subject of human rights and medicine, as well as to work at CAHBI, and the rector of the Catholic University himself commissioned him with an annual course in bioethics, as well as writing the *Bioethics Manual*. All this opened the interest for the Italian State and the University to open a chair, and thus Professor Sgreccia, presented his opposition examination in 1990. With his impetus

and heart, which he put in all the activities he carried out, he developed the personalism, applied to the great advances not only biotechnological, but also social, which bases the knowledge that is taught and studied at the Universidad Anahuac México. Through it, some other Centers and groups throughout the country follow. Currently with the development of online degree courses, it can be stated that it is taught in many other places in the world. Elio Sgreccia was also a member of the Italian Bioethics Committee. His intellectual imprint spread to so many people, achieved the highest appreciation of life itself and of our fellow human beings, including Asia and Africa, in addition to Latin America, Europe, and the United States.

One of the achievements of his initiatives is the development of Bioethics at the Anahuac University Mexico since thirty years ago, as I had already stated in the editorial issue number one of this year. Like every beginning, it was small, with a first event: the Congress of Humanism in Health Sciences, from which the Institute of the same name emerged. The interest developed at the Anahuac University Mexico, was for the purpose that the future physicians who will be educated in it, love, respect and promote life, in order for them to be happy, and make this a better world.

Today, with the Faculty of Bioethics, we have the increasingly stronger Journal, in person master's degree, online master's degree in Spanish and English, and a blended learning doctorate. In addition to multiple courses, four research chairs and a research center in Global Bioethics.

We share with you this issue, which we hope will be useful to many other researchers, teachers, students and people interested in Bioethics.

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