

Notre Dame professor of ethics Richard J. McCormick to present April 30 spring Burke Lecture at UCSD in Peterson Hall

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"Bioethics: What to Look for in the 90's" is the topic of the spring Burke Lecture to be presented April 30 at the University of California, San Diego, by one of the country's leading moral theologians.

Richard J. McCormick, professor of Christian Ethics at the University of Notre Dame, will discuss current scientific and moral dilemmas at the 8 p.m. free public lecture in Peterson Hall on the UCSD campus.

Preceding the evening session McCormick will speak at a noon luncheon April 30 sponsored by the Office of Religious Affairs. His topic will be, "Who Lives? Who Dies? Who Decides?" Reservations may be made by calling the ORA at 534-2521.

Additionally, a colloquium for physicians, pre-med and medical students will be led by McCormick at 3 p.m. April 1 in the conference room of the Center for Molecular Genetics. The topic will be "Dilemmas in Bioethics."

McCormick is regarded as one of the country's most distinguished and perceptive commentators on ethics, whether from a philosophical or theological viewpoint.

Prior to joining Notre Dame, McCormick was professor of Christian Ethics at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. and professor of Moral Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago. The author of a number of publications, his latest books are "The Critical Calling: Moral Dilemmas Since Vatican II" (1989) and "Readings in Moral Theology VII: The Natural Law" (1991).

He has made television appearances on programs such as "Today," "Nightline" and "Meet the Press" and been cited in news media ranging from "Newsweek" to "Parade." In 1990 he was elected to membership in the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The Burke Lectureship on Religion and Society is an endowed lectureship in honor of Eugene M. Burke, a Catholic priest affiliated with UCSD who died in 1984 after a distinguished career as a theologian and scholar. Purpose of the lectureship is to enrich the intellectual and religious life of UCSD and the San Diego community by provoking thought, facilitating scholarly exchange and stimulating further study. The lectures explore the functions and responsibilities of religion in society and its role in shaping social and moral values.

Further information about the April 30 lectures may be obtained by calling 452-7557.

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