



# The Austin & Ann O'Malley 2011 Annual Bioethics Lecture

## The Role of Religion and Culture in End-of-Life Decision-Making: Some Bioethical Reflections

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James J. Walter holds the Austin & Ann O'Malley Chair in Bioethics at Loyola Marymount University. After completing his undergraduate degree in Philosophy, Dr. Walter earned five advanced degrees, including a Ph.D. in ethics, from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. Professor Walter completed a Post Doctoral Fellowship in Clinical Bioethics from the Department of Medicine at Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University of Chicago, and he has had extensive experience as a bioethics consultant to many hospitals. Currently, he serves as a bioethics consultant to the three medical centers and hospice facility belonging to the Citrus Valley Health Partners in Covina, CA. Dr. Walter has delivered over 400 scholarly papers and public lectures in the United States, Europe and Asia, and he has frequently been interviewed on television, radio, and by the press. He has published six books, including *Quality of Life: The New Medical Dilemma* (Paulist Press, 1990), *The New Genetic Medicine: Theological and Ethical Reflections* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), *Contemporary Issues in Bioethics: A Catholic Perspective* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005) and *Artificial Nutrition & Hydration and the Permanently Unconscious Patient: The Catholic Debate* (Georgetown University Press, 2007). Professor Walter is currently working with two Japanese scholars in Kyoto, Japan on another book entitled *Intersections between Science, Religion & Ethics: A Dialogue between Shin Buddhism and the Roman Catholic Tradition*. He has also authored nearly 100 book chapters, articles and reviews. In 2005 he was appointed by the California Council on Science and Technology to a one-year, state-wide Panel on Bioethics.

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