



Reflecting on the ERDs

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“...Catholic health care ministry is rooted in a commitment to promote and defend human dignity; this is the foundation of its concern to respect the **sacredness of every human life** from the moment of conception until death. The first right of the human person, the **right to life**, entails a right to the **means for the proper development of life, such as adequate health care.**”

*Excerpt from the Introduction to Part 1:
The Social Responsibility of Catholic Health Care Services*

1. Can you name a time you felt your dignity as a person was either affirmed or denied?
2. What opportunities are there in your work to affirm the dignity of others?

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“Second, the biblical mandate to care for the poor requires us to express this in concrete action at all levels of Catholic health care. This mandate prompts us to work to **ensure that our country's health care delivery system provides adequate health care for the poor.** In Catholic institutions, particular attention should be given to the health care needs of the **poor, the uninsured, and the underinsured.**”

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1. What are some ways we care for the vulnerable, who come to us for care and who serve alongside us?
2. What opportunities are there to act in greater solidarity with them?

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“A **just health care system** will be concerned both with promoting **equity of care**—to assure that the right of **each person** to basic health care is respected—and with promoting the **good health of all** in the community.”

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1. In your observation, do we promote the good health of all in the community? How?
2. Do you see opportunities within your work for greater equity of care?