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DEDICATION

We, at THE CATHOLIC LAWYER, would like to dedicate this issue of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER to the victims of the terrorist attack on America that occurred on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. The attacks that occurred that day shattered families, crushed dreams, and broke spirits. We mourn the cowardly murder of thousands of our friends, family members, and fellow citizens. We feel for the loss that our loved ones who are left behind are feeling. We ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of peace. We ask Jesus Christ for His love. We ask Our Lord Father for understanding. We ask each other, "Why?".

There is no answer to our question. There is no explanation for why senseless acts of terrorism are carried out under the auspices of a holy war. No God wants this. This is why we must remain vigilant in our prayer and faith to our Lord. While it is often easy to say that we must remain faithful, and these words often seem cliché, it is much harder to actually live them. Faith is much like courage. A wise man once said that courage is not "not being afraid"; it is "being afraid and doing your duty anyway". Faith is not accepting every bad thing that happens. Faith is being angry and scared and yet still believing in Our Lord. This is the task that has been assigned to us as Catholics.

The people of America are being faithful. Everyday since the attack our fellow citizens have been practicing the greatest commandment of all. Our people are loving each other the way Jesus loved us through the outpouring of support that grows each day. It is this love that grows larger by the moment so that eventually its light will consume the shadow of evil that was wrought down upon us. We ask you to continue loving one another this way as Christ has taught us. We cannot let our family and friends to have died in vain for they have made the supreme sacrifice and for such they must be remembered. The best way to remember our fallen is to continue living the way we have been since they fell. Our love will be a living tribute to them.

Please set aside a few moments of prayer for them as you read this issue. Reflect upon all the joy they have brought us. God bless you and all of us who have suffered through this terrible time. Thank you.

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