

## Medicine at the crossroads of science, compassion and ethical responsibility

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Dear Editor,

I am pleased to attract your attention and that of the readers of the *Bleeding, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology* journal to the recent message (*excerpta*) of Pope Leo XIV to a delegation of cardiologists from the Paris Course on Revascularization held in Rome, December 5, 2025.

“You represent those engaged in advancing the science and practice of interventional cardiology... Your work stands at the crossroads of science, compassion and ethical responsibility. The Church consistently affirms the vocation of scientific inquiry, which opens the human person to truth and to a deeper service of the common good... You embody this spirit whenever you seek to heal the heart, both physically and metaphorically, bringing relief to those who suffer and bringing hope to their families.

Indeed, the “service of life” is foundational to every authentic medical act, for it reflects the tenderness with which Christ himself drew near to the sick and the vulnerable...

His steadfast love inspires the dedication you show through research, training and the delicate interventions that preserve life. Each heartbeat entrusted to your care is a reminder that life is a gift, always a mystery to be revered.

I encourage you, therefore, to continue fostering a spirit of global collaboration, to share knowledge generously and to ensure that advances in treatment remain accessible to all, especially the poor and marginalized.

May your organization remain a beacon of hope, illuminating the profound unity between scientific excellence and the service of humanity. Thank you, and may the Lord bless you with his gifts of courage, perseverance and joy”.

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