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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Jos V.M. Welie is a native of The Netherlands where he attained graduate degrees in medicine, law, and philosophy. A Fulbright grant brought him to Loyola University of Chicago's Department of Medical Humanities. Subsequently, he obtained his doctorate in medical ethics from the School of Medical Sciences of the Radboud University of Nijmegen (The Netherlands).

In 1990, Dr. Welie began his teaching career in San Antonio, Texas, teaching ethics at Saint Mary's University and University of the Incarnate Word. Between 1992 and 1994, he was an assistant professor at the Department of Ethics, Philosophy and History of Medicine at the aforementioned Radboud University. In 1995, he moved to Florida teaching Nova Southeastern University and Barry University. Since 1997 he has been at Creighton University, attaining the rank of full professor in the Center for Health Policy and Ethics in 2004. He has held a secondary appointment in Creighton University's School of Dentistry until 2011, initiated the International Dental Ethics and Law Society, and was awarded honorary fellowship in the prestigious American College of Dentists for his work in dental ethics in 2011. He has held a secondary appointment in Creighton University's Graduate School since 2007 and his primary teaching responsibilities nowadays involve the University's Master of Science in Health Care Ethics. He also served as Visiting Professor at the Gregorian University in Rome in 2005-06, teaching a graduate course on end of life care ethics to German theology students.

Dr. Welie's areas of research interest include ethical issues in chronic and terminal care, the philosophical foundations of health care ethics, Catholic bioethics, the relationships between law and ethics, and Jesuit higher education. He serves as the Founding President of the international association "Academics at Jesuit Universities and Schools." He has lectured in more than 20 countries and has served as a reviewer for some 20 professional journals. He has authored close to 200, including eight books.