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The National Federation of Catholic Physicians’ Guilds is indeed proud that one of its members, Dr. Eugene G. Laforet, was awarded the Pope John XXI International Prize for Medical Ethics which was presented at the Tenth International Congress of Catholic Doctors held in London, during July 1962. His prize-winning article “The ‘Hopeless’ Case” appeared in the August issue of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY.

The article “The Oral Contraceptives: A Review of Moral Appraisement” by Reverend John J. Lynch, S.J. appearing in this issue is an excellent presentation of the moral principles involved in a subject of current medical discussion. Material such as this enables us to keep informed and thereby better fulfill the first objective of our Federation:

“To uphold the principles of the Catholic faith and morality as related to the science and practice of medicine.”

The winter Executive Board meeting of the Federation will be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California, November 30 and December 1. Guild presidents are urged to appoint their delegate and alternate as soon as possible and advise the central office. This meeting is actually the “working session” of the year. No other conventions are held at this time, enabling undivided attention to be given to the agenda. Our membership is invited and urged to suggest topics for discussion. Each delegate is asked to bring along a written account of Guild activities during the past year. This provides material to publish in our newsletter Guilds in Action. We look forward to a large representation of constituent membership when we meet at the end of November.

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