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The New Orleans meeting of the National Federation was truly a milestone in the history of the Guild. Many important issues were discussed principle among which was the Bishops Code of Ethics for Catholic Hospitals. A meaningful discussion concluded with the appointment of a permanent committee to work with the Council of Bishops to review Medical-Ethical problems on a continuing basis. This is an excellent opportunity for Medical input by local guilds and membership.

The Mission Doctors Association presented a most inspiring program to emphasize that we are truly brothers with them and their patients. Their efforts made all of us realize how inadequate and deficient our apostalate to our brother-Man is.

Religious tenets are being respected and recognized more in Medical Education of the health team for the benefit of the community. Examples of such efforts have occurred in Rockford, Illinois — an emergency room Physician-clergy team; and, in Shreveport, Louisiana — a community education program.

The Linacre shall project a new and positive image of the National Federation and make a concentrated effort to increase the circulation.

The strength of the National Federation by any name is in the strength of its local guilds and members, to form a true basis for representation by the National leadership. This is the time for revitalization of local guilds, membership drives, and the establishment of new guilds. Let us not allow this opportunity to be wasted.

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