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March 19, 1940

Mrs. Joseph A. Dillon
155 East 77 Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Dillon:

His Excellency the Archbishop has directed me to acknowledge your letter of March fourth.

I know of the fine leadership that your late husband, Doctor Dillon, gave to the important work of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, and congratulate you on the sterling spirit which led you to take up the burden when he, at the call of God, laid it down.

In a world which daily seems to turn more and more towards that false liberalism which refuses to acknowledge the existence of objective standards of morality resting upon the inimitable and eternal laws of God and of nature, it is extremely important that in the field of medicine, where so many and such complicated moral problems arise, there should be constantly and immediately available not only the sound moral teachings of the Church, but organized endeavor to promulgate and secure the observance of these teachings. This I understand to be the objective and purpose of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, and of its publication, THE LINACRE QUARTERLY.

His Excellency is happy to invoke God's blessing on so needed and noble a work, and upon yourself and all those associated with you in carrying it on, and hopes that the coming meeting of the Catholic Guild at the time of the American Medical Association meeting in New York will be well attended, and that the doctors will continue the splendid work that they did for years under the direction of your distinguished husband.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Signed) ROBERT F. KEEGAN

Right Rev. Monsignor Robert F. Keegan
Secretary for Charities to the Archbishop

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