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Gino G. Papola, M.D.

This will be my last message as President of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds. I wish to thank all who have given me encouragement and constructive criticism during this past year. I shall cherish the honor of serving as President of the National Federation for the rest of my life. I especially would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their kind patience with me this past year. My expression of thanks would not be complete without giving special mention to three people who have been invaluable to me during my term of office. Because of their dedication the basic goal of my administration, conceived four years ago, has been brought to a successful achievement. I am referring to the XII Congress of the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations which was held this past October in Washington, D.C. Dr. Rosalie Albers, as general chairman, and Dr. Charles Bauda, as program chairman, put together one of the finest international meetings ever held. Behind the scenes but ever present has been our wonderfully efficient Executive Secretary, Robert Herzog. Future Presidents will find, as I have, that it is only necessary to ask Bob to do something, and it is done quickly and perfectly.

Every President upon completing his term of office wonders what he has contributed to his organization, and what will be the effect of his contribution to the future of the organization he has just served as its leader. I hope that my year in office has brought some honor and recognition to our Federation. I hope it has given some impetus to the fact that the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds is a working, viable organization, dedicated to the basic Christian code of medical moral ethics. I would welcome any thoughts you might have on this.

Again and again as the years go by, our determination to uphold these beliefs will be tested. If we are to remain true followers of Christ, we must never

compromise our beliefs. We are told that we live in a pluralistic society and therefore we should not impose our moral code on others. Of course it would not matter to us that others are trying to impose their moral code on us. However, when we protest against morality that is opposed to ours, we are forcing others to accept our code, for those who are strongly on the other side will not change their thinking. However the many who are undecided, uninformed and uninterested might be influenced by our championing of God's laws. After all, the basic Christian-Judaeo morality was given to us by Almighty God. It was not contrived by the Catholic Church or by any human being. The Ten Commandments were given to Moses by God himself, not by the Catholic Church. These laws and commandments are being given different meaning today by human beings who want to play God, and who are trying to impose the 'Culture is Dead' philosophy on us. Did not Christ ask us to go out and teach all nations? Did he not mandate us that we *should* go out and impose *His* moral code on *all* people? It is about time that we realize that the commandments of God are sacred and are not subject to change by majority vote.

Thank you all for the honor you have bestowed on me this past year.

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President

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