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Discussion of controversial ideas often results in dissent and discord which, however, may be effectively coordinated and problems identified or clarified by honest and meaningful "talk" among concerned persons of good will.

Meetings have occurred between representatives of the CHA, National Commission of Human Life Reproduction and Rhythm, and the NFCPG in St. Louis in February and in Chicago in early May. This brand of "talk" is the opening door to action.

The necessary ingredient — the *sine qua non*, in my opinion — is a central group with adequate staff to keep all interested organizations and their members fully informed of developments — whether it be the Catholic Hospital Association, the NFCPG, or other group. In this way disconnected, uncoordinated (if you will, isolated twitches of action) can be transformed into fruitful effort.

With all the ecumenical thinking of recent years, perhaps at long last we Catholic physicians will begin to exert our influence.

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