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A Successful National Meeting

Our recent National Federation meeting in Honolulu, organized by our immediate past president, Dr. Herb Nakata, was a success. Held in the commodious Hawaiian Village on Waikiki Beach, the atmosphere was conducive to relaxation, good fellowship and serious discussions. The talks were superb and our readership will have the opportunity of seeing some of them published in future issues of *Linacre*.

Perhaps the most stimulating part of the meeting was the renewal of old friendships and the making of new friends. The renewal of our spiritual lives and commitments, the reaffirmation in our Christian vocation as physicians, the furtherance of our solidarity with Christ are all effects emanating from this meeting.

The keynote speaker, Father William Smith, moral theologian and dean of St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, NY, gave superb talks at three of our sessions. His keen intellect and adherence to magisterial teaching added immeasurably to the entire meeting. The arrangements made by the local Catholic Physicians' Guild and personnel of St. Francis Hospital were excellent and made for a successful conference.

Perhaps the most significant event for me at this meeting was the healing service at the termination of the last talk. Father Richard Frank, O.S.C., conducted this service, anointing the hands and foreheads of each physician and spouse, sending them forth to heal their fellow men.

A more intense healing service took place soon after, in which members of the community prayed over their suffering brethren. I partook in this service, praying for the grace to rid me of my own emptiness and depression. I must say that this grace has partially restored me and I

recommend such a healing service to my fellow physicians.

At the farewell banquet, we heard a stirring address by our new president, Dr. William White. He brings youth, vigor and enthusiasm to the National Federation. His deep commitment to the Church, the Christian life, the medical profession and the family was quite evident.

The National Federation is in good hands with Doctor White at the helm and we all look forward to next year's meeting in Chicago. As we bade farewell to Hawaii, with a fond "Aloha" in our hearts as our plane winged its way eastward, a sense of peace and tranquillity filled our being. Such is the value of these annual meetings: to restore enthusiasm, to stimulate us to work harder, and to affirm us in our Christian vocation as physicians, husbands and parents.

— John P. Mullooly, M.D.
