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We sincerely appreciate the many Guilds who participate in our deliberations and whose representatives make up our Executive Board. We particularly appreciate the work of the many small Guilds with limited memberships who are carrying on such active programs in many isolated areas. Their activity makes our large city Guilds feel humble in acknowledging the dedicated work of these small groups of Catholic physicians.

We are thankful to the lay men and women who have assisted our Guild, particularly Mrs. Alexandra Dillon, Miss Madeleine McGregor, and our present secretary, Miss Jean Read, who have given and are giving so unstintingly of their time and thoughts for our welfare. These women and many others serving in secretarial capacities to the various groups have, I believe, a deeper sense of the real significance of our purpose than many of our physician members. We are most grateful to them in a very special way.

And that we humbly thank God for our Faith, which unites all of us. It is the same Faith that motivated our founders, the same Faith that stimulates our activities today, and the same Faith that will rule our successors as younger men and more energetic Catholic doctors carry our Federation into the quarter centuries of the future.

The New Orleans Catholic Physicians' Guild can rightly boast of an exemplary member. Narcisse F. Thiberge, M.D., Ph.B., Professor Emeritus in Allergy, Louisiana State University, has been a long-time champion of the aims and ambitions of the Federation. His frequent attendance at the Executive Board meetings and participation in the deliberations of the sessions moved the unanimous election of Dr. Thiberge to the office of Honorary President. The honor was bestowed at the winter meeting, 1953.

Dr. Thiberge salutes the Federation on its 25th Anniversary.

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Announcement of the first Thomas Linacre Award is officially made. Roy J. Heffernan, M.D., F.A.C.S., and William A. Lynch, M.D., are the recipients. Their joint effort entitled "Is Therapeutic Abortion Scientifically Justified?" has been judged best by a special Editorial Board appointed to review the articles written by Catholic physicians and published in THE LINACRE QUARTERLY during the past five years.

The content of the article which appeared in the February 1952 issue of the journal, exerted wide influence and did much to promote the interests of THE LINACRE QUARTERLY in its efforts to advance ethical principles in medical practice.

Both recipients are practicing physicians in Boston and are members of the Guild of St. Luke.

The Award presentations will be made at the Dinner meeting of the Silver Jubilee celebration observing the 25th Anniversary of the Federation being held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, on June 5.