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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILDS

WINTER MEETING - DECEMBER 6-7, 1958

LEAMINGTON HOTEL
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

ROLL CALL

Officers present:
William J. Egan, M.D. - President
Eusebius J. Murphy, M.D. - First Vice-President
Joseph E. Holoubek, M.D. - Second Vice-President
Eugene P. Cunningham, M.D. - Third Vice-President
Daniel A. Mulvihill, M.D. - Honorary President

Affiliated Guilds represented:
Los Angeles, Calif. - Bernard J. O'Loughlin, M.D.
Rock Island, Ill. - E. E. Bollaert, M.D.
Dubuque, Iowa - T. J. Greeteman, M.D.
Winona, Kansas - R. N. Lies, M.D.
St. Louis, Mo. - Rev. Marvin Bordeleau
Milwaukee, Wisconsin - M. B. Byrnes, M.D.
Buffalo, New York - Charles A. Bauda, M.D.
New York, N.Y. - Daniel J. McAuliffe, M.D.
Great Falls, Mont. - Robert J. McGregor, M.D.
Buffalo, New York - Charles A. Bauda, M.D.
Minneapolis, Minn. - F. J. O'Hara, Jr., M.D.
St. Cloud, Minn. - Joseph B. Gaida, M.D.
Los Angeles, Calif. - Bernard J. O'Loughlin, M.D.

Others:
Rev. Msgr. Donald A. McGowan - Moderator
Rev. J. J. Flanagan, S.J. - Editor, THE LINACRE QUARTERLY
M. R. Secretary
Miss Jean Read - Assistant Secretary

Sessions of the Federation Executive Board convened at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, with reading of the minutes of the Federation meeting held in San Francisco, California, June 25, 1958.

President's Report

Tribute was paid to Pope Pius XII for his many allusions contributing to the welfare of the medical profession and those in allied fields. (See Dr. Egan's address of June 25, 1958.)

The First Catholic International Health Conference held in Brussels, July 27-August 4, 1958. Various health groups—hospitals, doctors, nurses and pharmacists—had their own sections, joining together for a final session. Resolutions urged further cooperation among the represented groups, helping under-developed countries, assistance to health care institutions, help to libraries and others financially, and encouragement of young doctors to work in the missions, training in health care.

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Messages of congratulations on the election of Pope Pius XII and congratulations on the opening of the First Catholic Physicians' Guilds in Hong Kong were sent to Rome and duly acknowledged. Observations were made on the National Council of Catholic Men were outlined. It was pointed out that members of Catholic Physicians' Guilds do belong to their own parish groups, and this would be a duplication of effort. Motion to negate the vote in San Francisco at the June Executive Board Meeting was seconded and passed.

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States Cardinals, His Eminence Richard J. Cushing and His Eminence John F. O'Hara.

Many areas were contacted for the formation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds. The "White Mass" was promoted in all sections of the country and Canada.

Several priest-pharmacists in missionary countries were accorded honorary life membership in the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds.

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Survey of Catholic Hospital Staff Needs

A questionnaire sent to Catholic hospitals asking areas of medical staff needs was received by the New York Hospital Association. The questionnaire was distributed to hospitals throughout the country. The results showed that there was a need for anesthesiologists, obstetricians, and orthopedic surgeons. There was also a need for nurses and medical technicians.

Other Business

The Projects Committee suggested activities to increase the spirituality of the member groups. These activities included prayer, Bible study, and retreats. The Committee also suggested that members should be encouraged to participate in the missions.

Practice Available

Pierce City, Missouri, a town located in the Ozark mountain region, is urgently in need of a general practitioner. The population is 1,200. Agriculture is the main industry but there are other commercial enterprises. A furnished office would be available. St. Vincent's Hospital is five miles away, at Monett, Missouri. Write to Dr. J. J. Flanagan, 1438 So. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

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Texas has sent an appeal. The Family Life Bureau, NCWC, Washington, D.C., has received a letter from Rev. Andrew Marthaler, St. Joseph Church, P.O. Box M, Rowena, Texas, reading, in part, as follows:

"We do seem to have several wonderful openings in this country place for some enterprising young men. They would require some of the 'country-style' ability and talent. Right now we have a crying need for a good old-fashioned blacksmith type man. Such a person probably would be swamped with work in no time at all."

Father Marthaler would be glad to hear from any interested person.

There are at least twenty-five Catholic hospitals throughout the country in urgent need of anesthesiologists. Catholic physicians interested: contact Rev. J. J. Flanagan, S.J., Executive Director, The Catholic Hospital Association, 1438 So. Grand Blvd., St. Louis 4, Mo., for particulars.

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