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## President's Page

The winter meeting of the Executive Board of the Federation will be held December 5 and 6 at the Baker Hotel in Dallas, Texas. As these meetings rotate throughout the country, your officers attempt a bit of missionary work in the various geographical areas. Of Texas it can be truly said that the inspiration is in reverse. Dr. Fred Taylor of Houston, a distinguished authority and lecturer on child behavior, has traveled the area sowing a fertile seed of enthusiasm in Catholic Action. Dallas, as the first Guild in the State, started with four doctors and now lists forty-five. Austin is our most recent affiliate and the fifth Texas Guild out of seven large land-area dioceses. With Dr. Jesse J. Brady as President it has five charter members. The roster will increase after the "White Mass."

Two items on the December agenda are of wide interest:

1. A life membership in the Federation will be granted to each nun-physician. Two years ago, we made a similar presentation to priest-physicians. As the latter have moved to new assignments, we find our members in the University of Sophia in Japan and in the dark recesses of Africa and India. The nuns of Maryknoll, of the Medical Missions, of the Franciscan Medical Missionaries will likewise cherish LINACRE and *Guilds-in-Action* in distant mission fields. And in turn, they will be praying for our success at home.

2. The Catholic Physician of the Year will be honored. The biographies of the nominees are inspiring in their accomplishments for God, for Medicine, for Community and for Family. Each nominee has fully merited the Award. A nationwide vote is in progress. It is our hope that the physician designated can be with us around the board table in Dallas.

Texas, also, will have your Federation booth in action at the American Medical Association Clinical Sessions to be held in Dallas, December 1-4. It is a "first" for the Federation at this meeting. We have participated in the annual conventions held in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, and Atlantic City but not during any of the winter sessions. The Southwest is a long trip from any of these foci. We are confident that the reception accorded the booth will be enthusiastic.

Finally, for the Officers of the Federation and for our hosts in Dallas, we bid welcome to each delegate and moderator of the eighty-six Guilds to the great State of Texas.

WILLIAM J. EGAN, M.D.