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Dr. Eusebius J. Murphy, President of the National Federation, adjusts the microphone for Sister M. Celine, S.M.I.C., to acknowledge honorary membership in the organization. His Excellency, Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, of Dallas, Texas made the presentation.

Honorary membership in the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds was bestowed on 82 nun-physicians during the Executive Board Meeting held in Dallas, Texas, December 5, 1959. Present to receive a certificate in the name of Sisters who are practicing medicine, was Sister M. Celine, S.M.I.C., M.D., Holy Cross Hospital, Austin, Texas. A graduate of George Washington University Medical School in 1938, Sister Celine interned at Bon Secour Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, for one year, and spent one year at Children's Hospital, Washington, D.C. in pediatrics. Following this, she was at Morgan Hosea Hospital, Jersey City for three months and came to Holy Cross Hospital, Austin, where she is engaged in general practice.

Sisters in the dual role of healer of the sick and comforter of the soul perform a great missionary work of the Church and the Federation is privileged to honor this vocation. Those serving in missionary lands comprise the largest number known to us at this time. Communities included are: Medical Mission Sisters of Philadelphia; Medical Missionaries of Mary, Winchester, Mass.; Maryknoll Sisters, Maryknoll, N.Y.; Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Paterson, N.J. (Sister Celine's Order); Sisters of Mercy, Hartford, Conn.; Marist Sisters, Framingham, Mass., and Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Names will be welcome from other Communities. Send them to Dr. Eusebius J. Murphy, 3485 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx 65, New York. Addresses should be included so that membership certificates can be mailed.

Mother Anna Dengel, a nun-physician, and founder of the Medical Missionary Sisters of Philadelphia, was the first honored with Federation membership in 1957 on the occasion of the organization's silver jubilee.