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THE National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds has named Dr. John J. Masterson, of Brooklyn, New York, Catholic Physician of the Year. The Award was made at the winter meeting of the national organization holding sessions in Dallas, Texas — December 5.

Dr. Masterson is a native of Brooklyn, born in 1881. He is the dean and elder statesman of Medicine in Brooklyn. Since 1926 he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Medical Society of the County of Kings and chairman of the board since 1934, as well as a past president of the Society. During 1949 and 1950 he served as president of the New York State Medical Society. Dr. Masterson is a Fellow of the American College of Radiology, a Diplomate of the American Board of Radiology, and a past-president of the New York and Brooklyn Roentgen Ray Societies. For nearly 25 years he served New York in the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

Missions and seminaries have been the object of his personal charity and Catholic Action on the part of physicians a principal concern. He has held the office of president of his local Physicians' Guild and the national organization. His term of office in the latter was during World War II when activities were limited and he was a leading influence in its reorganization under the auspices of The Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada.

It is not without significance that Dr. Masterson has been called to many responsible posts as presiding officer and trustee. They mark him both as a leader of men and worthy of public and professional trust. It may be truly said that he has not had one, but many vocations. To the calls of his Faith, his family, his profession and his country he has always been most responsive. Thus, his distinguished career has prompted the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds to choose Dr. Masterson for its 1959 Catholic Physician of the Year Award.



His Excellency, Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, Dallas, Texas and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donald A. McGowan, Moderator of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guild, present the Catholic Physician of the Year Award to Dr. John J. Masterson of Brooklyn, New York.