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*Reverend Kenneth P. MacKinnon, Moderator of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds prepared the following for the ceremony of installing officers elected to serve during 1965. Those attending the Federation executive board meeting in New Orleans were impressed and have asked the Editors of LQ to publish this dialogue for the benefit of the constituent Guilds for adaptation to local use.*

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### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—(N.F.C.P.G.)

ALL: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MODERATOR: O Holy Spirit, come upon these sons of the Living God who are about to assume the responsibilities of leadership in this American Family of Catholic Doctors. Come upon them with Your seven-fold Gifts, that they may have the vision to see our needs, the zeal to effectively direct us in their solution, and the gift of persuading others to join us in the work of the Apostolate. We ask these favors through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Brother, and the Divine Physician.

ALL: AMEN

MODERATOR: (To the new Officers) Brothers in Christ—direct your attention to the stated objectives of the (National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds):

1. The purpose of the (National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds) shall be to coordinate Guilds of Catholic physicians in the dioceses of the United States and its possessions and in the provinces of Canada; promote the spiritual development of individual physicians, and safeguard the principles of Catholic faith and morality as related to the science and practice of medicine.
2. To provide leadership in the works of God as they might be fulfilled among the People of God in a particular way by Men of Medicine.

MODERATOR: Do you understand these objectives and accept the responsibility for leading your brother Doctors in their fulfillment?

OFFICERS: We do understand these objectives and accept the responsibility of leadership in their fulfillment.

MODERATOR: Do you accept in good faith, and with reliance upon Almighty God, the duties of the particular office which you are about to assume?

OFFICERS: We do pledge our best efforts in the conduct of the offices to which we have been elected.

MODERATOR: Do you promise that, as officers of this (Federation), you will pray for its success, study its nature, purpose, and methods, attend meetings regularly, give full cooperation to the Church and promote its programs?

OFFICERS: By the Grace of God, we so promise.

MODERATOR: And finally, do you accept as the basic law of your life and work the Great Commandment—to love God and your fellow man?

OFFICERS: As men of God, we accept this law without reservation to be the strength of our resolves and the sign of our Christian Apostolate.

MODERATOR: On behalf of this (Federation) and its members I accept your promises and ask God's blessing upon you as you assume your respective offices.

MODERATOR: Brothers in Christ, let us ask Divine Assistance for the work we are in:

ALL: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who asked the Father not to remove us from the world but to use us as instruments in refashioning it, and Who set, for us in particular, the image of compassion for those who are ill, grant us an abundance of Your Grace, a genuine love of the art of Medicine, and an increasing understanding of the great apostolate to which our Faith and skills direct us. Assist us, O Divine Redeemer, that we may be aware of our duty, persevere in good, inflame others to serve You by the power of prayer and example, and become more involved in promoting, among all our brothers, Your Kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.