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Reverend Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S.J., president emeritus of the Catholic Hospital Association and dean emeritus of the St. Louis University School of Medicine, died at St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, the evening of May 25. A solemn High Mass was celebrated at the St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, Saturday, May 29, with burial in the cemetery at St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant, Mo. Many friends know him to have been a renowned medical educator, tireless administrator and prolific author. Father Schwitalla, to whom death came in his eighty-second year, was a priest who achieved national eminence as a leader and spokesman for the cause of voluntary health and hospital care — a calling he pursued with complete dedication of self. At one time during a long and distinguished period, he served simultaneously as dean of the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing, acting dean of the Graduate School, regent of the School of Dentistry and director of the Department of Biology.

When the fate of the Catholic Physicians' Guilds and the future of its official journal, *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY*, stood on precarious ground, it was Father Schwitalla and his staff of The Catholic Hospital Association who provided the guidance and wherewithal for several years to persevere. A debt of gratitude will be his due as long as the National Federation exists.

His accomplishments were many and his motto, "Nothing is finished if something remains to be done," is still a challenge to all in the health field who — like him — seek eternity through a selfless commitment to suffering humanity. May his spirit rest in peace!