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The Constitution and By Laws of the Catholic Physicians' Guilds

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the people of biblical days had plenty of food and a variety quite sufficient to meet the needs of healthy children.

Breast feeding was continued much later than is our custom, and foster mothers were provided when necessary. Either to supplement mother's milk or after the child was weaned the ancient Hebrews had cow's milk, goat's milk, even camel's milk. Quite a large number of foods were available; butter, cheese, honey, figs, grapes and raisins, apples—which some authorities believe were citron instead of the apples we know—dates, pomegranates, so-called nuts, which were the fruit of the 

\[\text{Pistacia Vera}\] almonds, walnuts, olives made into oil which was used in cooking or eaten on bread, beans, lentils, onions, leeks, garlic, cucumbers, melons of several kinds including watermelons, bread made of cereal grains, wheat, millet and barley, parched corn—which some believe is another name for grain in general and not the corn we know—salads of lettuce, endive, garden horehound or beet and coriander. For special occasions there were meat, the animals permitted being oxen, sheep, goats, deer, gazelle, wild cow, antelope, wild goat, oryx, and game birds which were not carnivorous. There were also eggs available.

As throughout history, the poor could always starve even in a land of plenty, but there was certainly a variety of food for those who could pay for it or raise it.

In conclusion, I fully realize that this is only a very superficial study. And yet even its limited references provide a valuable lesson. The children of biblical times did not have the great advantage which modern medical knowledge offers for the care and treatment of children of today, namely, prevention of many diseases and remedies for most of them. But their care included the basic formula of being wanted and loved which pediatricians, psychologists and educators of today advocate for rearing well adjusted individuals.

**Bibliography**


Article V
Membership
Section 1. Active Constituent Membership
A Guild of Catholic Physicians in any diocese, city, county or state in the United States whose application is approved by the Executive Board of the Federation shall be an active constituent member in this federation.

Section 2. Active Individual Membership
All individual Members of the constituent guilds shall be active individual members.

Section 3. Associate Individual Membership
Individual Catholic physicians residing more than twenty-five miles from an active constituent guild and who are not members of any existing guild shall be eligible for Associate individual membership.

Section 4. Honorary Membership
Individuals invited by the Executive Board of the Federation shall be eligible to Honorary membership in the Federation.

Article VI
Officers and Executive Board
Section 1. Classification of Officers
The Officers of the Federation shall be honorary and active.

Paragraph A. Honorary Officers
The honorary officers may include an Honorary President and Advisor who shall be invited to hold office by the Executive Board; and such other honorary officers as circumstances may seem to make desirable.

Paragraph B. Active Officers
The Active Officers of the Federation shall be elective and appointive.

Section 2. Active Elective Officers
The officers of the organization shall be a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, a third Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Moderator.

Section 3. The Executive Board
The elective officers of the Federation and one delegate from each active constituent Guild in good standing shall constitute the Executive Board of the Federation.

Section 4. The Executive Committee
The President, the Secretary, the Moderator and two other members of the Executive Board shall constitute an Executive Committee for the transaction of interim business between meetings of the Executive Board, the actions of the Executive Committee at all times subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Article VII
Responsibilities, Duties and Privileges of the Officers
Section 1. The Patronage of Honorary Officers
The Federation will esteem as a favor the patronage of its Honorary President and of the Honorary Vice-Presidents and will welcome them to all the meetings of the Federation, of the Executive Board and of any of the Committees.

Section 2. Responsibilities of the Executive Board
The Executive Board shall be the supreme executive authority in the Federation in the exercise of the powers conferred in Article IV, and shall hold itself responsible to the Federation for the official acts of the President and the other officers of the Federation. It may act for the Federation and, therefore, shall have the general powers concerning admissions into the Federation, expenses, meetings and the designation of means appropriate to the attainment of the purposes of the Federation, including the employment of an Executive Secretary and other auxiliary personnel.

In the event of a vacancy, the President with the authority of the Executive Board shall appoint an incumbent to serve until a successor is regularly elected.

Members of the Executive Board may be represented at its meetings by alternates selected by the President of the affiliated guild.

Section 3. Duties and Privileges of the President
The President shall preside at all meetings of the Federation and of the Executive Board with the right of a deciding vote in the event of an even division; shall be ex-officio member of all committees, shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided by resolutions, shall fill all vacancies in various offices during unexpired terms, shall call special meetings of the Executive Board and perform such other duties as may be appropriate to his office.

Section 4. Duties and Privileges of the Vice-Presidents
The Vice-Presidents in their order shall act as President in the absence or disability of the President.
Section 5. Duties of the Secretary
It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Federation to keep or have kept a record of all of the proceedings of the Federation, including the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Boards, of its committees and to perform such other duties as the Executive Board may from time to time require.

Section 6. Duties of the Treasurer
It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, and maintain an adequate record of, all funds and resources of the Federation, to submit annual membership statements and financial reports for the approval of the Executive Board and to perform such other duties as the Executive Board may from time to time require.

Section 7. Duties of the Moderator
It shall be the duty of the Moderator, under the direction of the Executive Board, to be the Executive Officer of Federation in carrying out its program, in the transaction of its business, in the maintenance of all of its activities.

The custody of all records and resources of the Federation shall also be interpreted as within the jurisdiction of the Moderator and the central office.

Section 8. Duties of Appointive Officers
It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary and other appointive officers to aid the President, the Moderator and the other officers of the Federation in the performance of their duties.

ARTICLE VIII
MEETINGS
Section 1. General Meetings
This Federation shall convene in the year 1932 and annually thereafter at a time and place selected by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Board
A Meeting of the Executive Board shall be held at least once a year.

Section 3. Special Meetings
Special meetings may be called by the President with the advice and consent or upon the direction of the Executive Board, or by united action of any three constituent guilds.

Section 4. Meetings of the Executive Committee
The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at any time and place deemed necessary by the Moderator and the President.

ARTICLE IX
THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CONSTITUENT GUILDS TO THE FEDERATION
Section 1. The Autonomy of the Constituent Guilds
The Federation will not interfere with the autonomous activity of the various Physicians' Guilds affiliated with the Federation.

Section 2. Representation
The affiliated guild in arrears for the current year's fees shall not be entitled to representation and vote in the Executive Board meetings.

Section 3. Reports
Each active constituent member is required to file an annual report of its activities with the Secretary of the Federation.

ARTICLE X
BY-LAWS
Section 1. Qualifications of Active Elective Officers
Active individual and associate members of the Federation shall be eligible to office.

Section 2. Tenure of Office
All officers shall be elected bi-annually and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS
This Constitution may be amended at a regular convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted to the Secretary of the Federation two months before the date of the Convention and shall have been immediately sent to the Presidents of all of the constituent guilds.

ARTICLE I
THE ELECTION
Section 1. Qualifications of Active Elective Officers
Active individual and associate members of the Federation shall be eligible to office.

Section 2. Tenure of Office
All officers shall be elected bi-annually and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.

ARTICLE II
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
The Officers of the Federation as defined in Article VI, Section 2, shall be elected at conventions by ballot and shall hold office for two
years and until their respective successors are duly elected. At such conventions there shall be a nominating committee to present a candidate for each office to be filled by election and such nominating committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board. Delegates, however, may suggest other candidates from the floor of the convention.

**Article III**

**Committees**

Special Committees may be authorized for particular purposes by resolution at any meeting of this Federation, by the Executive Board, the Executive Committee, or by the President in his discretion.

**Article IV**

**Membership Fees**

Section 1. Fees of Active Constituent Guilds

Active Constituent Guilds shall pay yearly fees of $25.00.

Section 2. Fees of Active Individual Members

Each constituent affiliated guild shall pay to the Treasurer of the Federation annual fees equivalent to one dollar and fifty cents per member.

Section 3. Fees of Associate Individual Members

Fees for associate members shall be two dollars per annum.

**Article V**

**The Linacre Quarterly**

The Linacre Quarterly shall be the official journal of the Federation under the editorial direction of the Moderator, subject to the guidance and approval of the Executive Board.

**Article VI**

**Quorum**

Seven delegates shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board providing two officers of the Federation are present.

**Article VII**

**Order of Business**

Section 1. The Order of Business of the Convention

The order of business of the Convention of this Federation shall be as follows:

1. Prayer for our deceased confreres.