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REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILDS

The annual Executive Board Meeting of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds was held in New York City, Hotel Commodore, June 1953, at 9:45 a. m.

The Officers attending were:

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| William P. Chester, M. D., Detroit..... | President |
| J. J. Toland, Jr., M.D., Philadelphia..... | First Vice-President |
| Melvin F. Yeip, M. D., Cleveland..... | Second Vice-President |
| William J. Egan, M. D., Boston..... | Third Vice-President |
| Daniel L. Sexton, M. D., St. Louis..... | Treasurer |
| Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. A. McGowan, Washington, D. C. | Moderator |
| M. R. Kneif, St. Louis..... | Executive Secretary |
| Rev. J. J. Flanagan, S. J., St. Louis..... | Editor, LINACRE QUARTERLY |

Members of the Board present were:

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| James E. Conway, M. D., Boston | S. J. Carnazzo, M. D., Omaha |
| Joseph T. Webber, M. D., Bronx | I. D. Cassidy, M. D., St. Louis |
| James P. Casey, M. D., Bronx | A. P. Reding, Sioux Falls, S. D. |
| John J. Graff, M. D., Wilmington | |

Guests at the Board Meeting were Rev. Ignatius W. Cox, S. J., Moderator of the Bronx Guild and Rev. Francis W. Carney, Moderator of the Cleveland Guild.

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First order of business was appointment of the Nominating Committee for election of officers.

LINACRE QUARTERLY

Rev. J. J. Flanagan, S. J. reported on LINACRE QUARTERLY. Subscriptions now total 4,700; as of the May 1953 issue. Of this total, some 2,500 are Guild members, 350 Priests, 250 Libraries, 400 Hospitals and Nursing Schools, 400 bulk subscriptions (for medical students) and 800 miscellaneous subscribers.

Definite arrangements to include advertising in LINACRE QUARTERLY are to be made.

EXPANSION OF GUILDS

In discussing prospective Guilds, the following were named:

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| Vancouver, B. C. | Columbia, S. C. |
| Dallas, Texas | Worcester, Mass. |
| LaCrosse, Wisconsin | Chicago, Ill. |
| St. Cloud, Minnesota | Berkeley, Calif. |
| Milwaukee, Wisconsin | Oakland, Calif. |
| Tallahassee, Florida | Manhattan, N. Y. |

Discussion as to inviting Dental Guilds to join the Federation led to affirmative approval. There have been no overtures to The Federation on the part of the Catholic Psychiatrists' Guild. Pharmacists Guilds would also be welcome on application for membership.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILDS

With regard to the International Federation of Catholic Physicians, Msgr. McGowan reported that correspondence has established the fact that 8 national groups assist, among which are France, Italy, Holland and Belgium and that the national dues are \$35.00 with a per capita charge of 5c per individual. Our moral support is needed very much. There are no particular membership obligations; members are active and associate. On motion made and seconded, it was voted to join the International Federation. The Central Office is to take care of the details of the transaction.

FINANCIAL AID TO CATHOLIC MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Financial aid to Catholic medical schools was again a topic of discussion. Until more national interest is shown, the members of the Board feel that at this time they cannot accept responsibility for this project, worthy as it may be.

MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

It was decided to hold the mid-winter meeting of the Executive Board of the Federation in St. Louis, Missouri, on Monday, Dec. 1, 1953.

NEW OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee then presented the slate for election of officers. Those nominated were:

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| J. J. Toland, Jr., M. D..... | President |
| Melvin F. Yeip, M. D..... | First Vice-President |
| William J. Egan, M. D..... | Second Vice-President |
| Daniel L. Sexton, M. D..... | Third Vice-President |
| John J. Graff, M. D..... | Secretary |
| Leslie D. Cassidy, M. D..... | Treasurer |

On motion duly made and seconded, the entire slate was approved and the above are the new officers for the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds for 1953-1955.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

The Nominating Committee also moved to change the Constitution of the Federation to include a provision for past Presidents to serve as members of the Board. A committee consisting of Dr. Sexton, Dr. Egan and Dr. Yeip was appointed to revise the Constitution to this effect.

BULLETIN—AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Discussion occurred regarding an article printed in the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*, Volume 38, No. 3, May-June 1953—"Indications for the Sterilization of Women." The general opinion was that the article is unscientific. A resolution was authorized condemning same in the name of the Federation. It was voted that an article in the name of the Federation be published in LINACRE QUARTERLY.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS—1954

Dr. Raymond Cross, Director of Public Relations for the International Congress of Catholic Doctors, who was in New York for the American Medical Association Convention, was guest of the Executive Board, and announced that the 6th Congress will convene in Dublin, July 13-17, 1954. Dr. Cross extended a warm invitation to all Catholic doctors to attend the Congress. It is sponsored by the Dublin chapter of the Irish Guild of St. Luke, SS. Cosmas and Damian. All inquiries should be made to the Secretary: The Irish Guild of St. Luke, SS. Cosmas and Damian, "Veritas House," 7 Lower Abbey St., Dublin, Ireland.

THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON OF CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS

The Executive Board Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon to be followed by the Luncheon to which all Catholic doctors attending the A. M. A. were invited. The guests were addressed by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Others addressing the group were Dr. Joseph B. Doyle, Boston, Mass who invited the group to the meeting of the American Society for the Study of Sterility in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1954. On request, Reverend Ignatius Cox, S. J., through whose efforts the Federation was organized spoke briefly on the future of the organization and of his hopes for many more Guilds.

Dr. Cross invited those assembled to visit Ireland for the International Congress in July 1954.

Monsignor McGowan set forth the purpose of the Federation and encouraged those present to assist with the formation of local Guilds to strengthen the national organization.

Representatives from 25 States, Canada, Argentina and Ireland were in the gathering.