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THE DUTIES of the President of The Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds have been entrusted to me by your Executive Committee for the next two years. This entails considerable responsibility, but it will be a most successful term of office if the member guilds will do what they can to further the principles of Catholic Action through the medical profession.

Ideal Catholic Action is for the Catholic doctor to see that new members of the profession, many of them graduates of non-Catholic schools, are guided in the field of Catholic medicine.

Our patients must be instructed that the impact of planned parenthood, birth control and contraception may be counteracted by such practical methods as the Cana movement.

Our hospitals must be staffed by doctors who are practical moralists in medicine and the Code of Ethics of Catholic hospitals must be adhered to by the staff members. The first problem presents no difficulty due to our oath of Escupalus.

Our responsibility is to see that all Catholic physicians are enrolled in Guilds. Where Guilds do not exist, we should make every attempt to organize them. Our goal can only be reached by a large and far-flung membership. . . .
A Guild in every diocese.

As physicians our first duty is to God, our second duty is to the sick, and our third is the salvation of our own immortal souls. All three are easily accomplished by the doctor who practices moral medicine. We must have a knowledge of Catholic principles to effect our dual purpose of physician and teacher. Let us use this knowledge to serve God and teach the principles He has given us through His Holy Church. Ours is a real responsibility and we should be happy to honor it.

I sincerely hope that as your President I will have your assistance in fulfilling the responsibility that is ours.

JOSEPH J. TOLAND, JR.

President

The Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds