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THE AGREEMENT between the FEDERATION of CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS’ GUILDS and the CATHOLIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION of the UNITED STATES and CANADA

WHEREAS, The Reverend Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S.J., who, upon nomination by vote of the Catholic Physicians' Guilds, has been appointed Moderator of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds by the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference—with which the Federation is affiliated—is also President of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, By vote of the individual Guilds, the officers of the Catholic Hospital Association have been requested through action of the Executive Committee of the Federation, to assume responsibility for the business management and administration of the Federation, and the official organ of the Federation, The Linacre Quarterly, has been transferred to the Reverend Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S.J., as Editor and Manager, the required services in these capacities to be provided for and by him according to his discretion; and

WHEREAS, The Catholic Hospital Association is regarded by the Executive Committee as having the facilities for acting as an agent of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds in the business management of the Federation inclusive of the Federation's official organ, The Linacre Quarterly, under the direction of the Editor and Manager of the Quarterly; and

WHEREAS, The Catholic Hospital Association willingly accedes to the request of the Federation and through its Executive Board has manifested to the Executive Committee of the Federation its readiness to accept responsibility for the business management and administration of the Federation, inclusive of responsibility for the management and administration of The Linacre Quarterly, all this in the interest of furthering the many joint purposes of the Federation and the Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. M. R. Kneifl, who has been elected Acting Executive Secretary of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, also holds the position of Executive Secretary of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada,
Therefore, it is hereby agreed by the Executive Board of the Catholic Hospital Association, acting for the Association, and the Executive Committee of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, acting for the Federation, as follows:

1. That the new relationship created by this agreement between the Association and the Federation in no way changes the responsibility or obligation of the Federation or its officers for the self-determination of the Federation, nor their responsibility and obligation for determining the Federation's policies, procedures, its general program, and public relations; nor does it confer upon the Catholic Hospital Association any responsibilities, rights, or obligations with reference to the Federation except those which have been voted explicitly by the Executive Committee of the Federation.

2. The Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada is hereby appointed and constituted an agent of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds for the management and administration of the Federation, and in accepting this appointment as agent of the Federation, the Catholic Hospital Association agrees as follows:

   a. To place at the disposal of the Federation the services of such members of its executive, managerial, editorial, and secretarial personnel as may be necessary for the management and administration of the Federation.

   b. To place at the disposal of the Federation such office facilities, equipment, and supplies as are necessary for the efficient management and administration of the Federation.

   c. To provide, without charge to the Federation, all general office service required in the administration or management of the Federation.

   d. To assist the officers of the Federation in fulfilling their responsibility for the assets of the Federation by acting as a collecting agency of the membership dues of the constituent Guilds and as custodian of the funds thus collected, a bank account to be maintained in the name of the Federation, and reports to be sent periodically to the officers of the Federation.

   e. To maintain records of all transactions of the Federation conducted through the office of the Catholic Hospital Association, inclusive of financial accounts, secretary's records, the archives of the Federation which have been entrusted to the Association, and any other records.

   f. To work for the promotion of the purposes and ideals of the Federation as the Association works for the promotion of its
own purposes and ideals, particularly with reference to the promotion of membership in the Federation, the promotion of new Guilds, the development of interest in the official publication, The Linacre Quarterly, the administration of the Federation’s funds, and in numerous similar matters.

3. It shall be understood that the Association will maintain a careful record of all direct expenses (i.e., particular expenditures) incurred in the management and administration of the Federation; that these expenses will be defrayed out of the Federation funds administered by the Association. If at any time Federation funds are not available, the Catholic Hospital Association by vote of its Executive Board, will advance funds as a loan without interest, repayable by the Federation when the resources are at hand, it being understood that all such transactions will be reported to the Federation in detail in the periodical financial statements.

4. It shall be understood that the administration and management of the Federation of Catholic Physicians’ Guilds shall include the administration and management of the Federation’s official organ, The Linacre Quarterly, it being understood that the editor, as required by Church law, will be governed in his editorial policy and practice by proper ecclesiastical authority.

5. The Catholic Hospital Association accepts with a sense of responsibility, the vote of confidence given through the expression of opinion of the various Guilds of Catholic Physicians. It places its personnel and facilities at the disposal of the Federation of Catholic Physicians’ Guilds to emphasize its interest, jointly with the Federation, in the promotion of Catholic ideals and viewpoints in medical practice and hospital service on all the various levels of medical interest; private practice and public health practice; medical education and medical research; legislation pertaining to medicine and medical practice; the ethical, and particularly the religious implications of medicine, medical practice, and medical education.

For the Executive Board of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada

(Signed) Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S.J. President
(Signed) Sister Helen Jarrell, R.N. Secretary

Date: August 3, 1945.

For the Executive Committee of the Federation of Catholic Physicians’ Guilds

(Signed) John J. Masterson President
(Signed) Maurice C. O’Shea, M.D. Secretary