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The Catholic physician is continually challenged by his own colleagues as he practices his apostolic mission of teaching and healing. His knowledge of the glaring data proving serious consequences, in fact even death, associated with the use of oral contraceptives and intrauterine devices compels him to speak up and discourage their use. As he voices objections to these types of contraceptives, abortion, sterilization and euthanasia he becomes an unpopular advocate, especially if his remarks are directed against governmental legislation or social programs.

Unfortunately, some physicians have compromised the principles of their noble profession for other values. They have surrendered their "birth right"—they have abrogated their lofty profession to others. The blaring noise of health authorities seems to have "out shouted" the voice of the Shepherd who cries "Follow Me."

The Right Reverend Patrick Casey, Bishop of Brentwood, England, cautioned the European Federation of Catholic Physicians at their Third Congress that "physicians should work hand in hand with legislators, but NOT hand in glove with them."

May those physicians who are temporarily discouraged recall the words of St. Paul (Phil. 27-2-11): "Do not be intimidated by your opponents in any situation. Their opposition foreshadows downfall for them, but salvation for you." So listen and obey the voice of the Church. Be strengthened—for the promise of Christ is "I will be with you always."

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An international conference is always a stimulating affair, as it brings together dedicated intellectual leaders from diverse cultures to discuss topics of mutual interest. So it was with the Third International Congress of Catholic Physicians’ Guilds held in London this past May. The meticulous arrangements of the planning committee under the talented and diligent guidance of its Secretary-General, Dr. Mary Reynolds, made for a complete intellectual, social and spiritual experience. The conference was well attended by the British, German, French, and Spanish guilds. The American guests included the President of the International Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds, Dr. Gino Papola; Dr. Charles Bauda, Vice President of FIAMC; the