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we call our world. This is one way we can implement the urgings of Vatican II in its Document on the Lay Apostolate.

As you all know, the first International Congress of Catholic Physicians will be held in the United States will take place in Washington, D.C. on October 1-14, 1970. In order for this event to be successful we will need the help of every member of the National Federation. Included in this help should be your prayers for a successful meeting, your financial assistance by making a donation to the fund, and very important, your attendance at this Congress. This will be a great opportunity to hear first hand the problems of medical care in other parts of the world. It will also be a chance to compare notes and exchange ideas with physicians from all over the world on problems of government medicine, abortion on demand, malnutrition, hunger and many other medical and social problems. Mark your calendar and come to Washington on October 11-14. Let's make October 11-14 the largest gathering of Catholic physicians ever seen in the world — the largest gathering of physicians skilled in their healing art and dedicated to making our world a better place to live for all men.

Finally I would like to report that we, as a Federation, have presented our opposition to liberal abortion laws in a Federal Court in Milwaukee. We are prepared to do likewise in Pennsylvania which is one of the few states which has no abortion law, but rather a penal code which makes it a felony to perform "illegal abortions". The interpretation of the term "illegal" will be the issue in Pennsylvania, and we as a Federation are involved in this action. We must stand together for in numbers there is strength. We must stand together in all matters that threaten our medical moral code.

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**Message From The Spiritual Advisor . . .**

**FOCUS ON THE MASS**

*Life is our concern.*

**It was His!**

"I have come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly."

**How?**

"He shall live forever, who eats my flesh and drinks my blood."

**What a pledge — how great a gift!**

"Quid retribuam?" What can I possibly return to the Lord for this, and for all His gifts to me? A dilemma? An impossibility? Yes, had He not supplied for our weakness.

*There was a Friday — a Good Friday!*

The Father was offered the one and only, truly acceptable gift — THE sacrifice perfect and all pleasing of Calvary. Made so, not because his son D I E D, but because H I S S O N died — an efficacy Divine flowing from the Person — the Offerer at once became also the offering.

And God was pleased!

What part have I in this? How to make it mine — my gift?

*There was a Thursday — a Holy Thursday!*

"Do this," He said, "in memory of me."

It can be ours! An act Divine — the Sacrifice of Christ — The one perfect offering made again by H I S S O N.

And I can join with H I M?

Incredible! Divinization of my Humanity?

Quid retribua? What to return?

Why, of course, the only gift worthy of God, — His Son.

To share, to join in the gift Christ is. And God is supremely pleased!

*In Him, in whose priesthood we merely share.*

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