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## ***Moderator's Message . . .***

### **Hello Again !**

It is a pleasure to be once again your Priest associate on the Board of the National Federation. I look forward to the two years ahead with great interest. The issues of Christian formation and ethics which face the Catholic physician at this time are demanding in both their importance and their need for decisiveness. As men who by experience are aware of the priorities of Faith, conscience, education, and service, your interest and balanced judgment must loom as a needed and treasured asset for the Church.

The serious questioning of the survival of the family as we have known it, a provocative question which occurs more frequently in printed form with each passing month, merits the concern and the honest appraisal of men who are confronted with the realities of the family each day they practice medicine. The continuing emphasis on family planning by all elements of society defines an area of counsel and enlightenment which the Catholic physician cannot ignore without harm to the Church. Catholic educators are more forceful than ever in their insistence that within the educational program which seeks to form the total Christian we must provide better instruction in the vital human function of sex. As Dr. Leon Salzman recently expressed it, "the sexual function is the last function to receive objective scientific study." Catholic physicians can do much on the local level to help fashion Diocesan programs to fill this "knowledge gap" for our young people. These are some needs to which our Guilds and our Federation might direct some discussion and programming.

My commendations go to Monsignor Bordelon for his present involvement on the world scene. I'm sure he has all our prayers for success in his efforts.

Hope to see you all in Miami for a program of great interest and importance. Til then may God prosper your ministration to the sick.

Fraternally in Christ,

Father Kenneth MacKinnon  
Moderator