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The Executive Board of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds held sessions in San Francisco, June 24. Attendance at the meeting as well as participation in the Memorial Mass was gratifying. The Minutes have been mailed to the delegates and president of each constituent Guild.

On behalf of the Board, we wish to thank Dr. Rosalie Reardon, vice-president of the Oakland, California Guild, for her valuable assistance in the plans of the Federation's activities. We also congratulate Dr. Reardon on receiving the *Pro Ecclesia* medal from Pope Paul VI for her outstanding contribution to the lay apostolate.

During past association with the National Federation we have been reminded by many former presidents that much of the business of the Executive Board could be conducted around a small conference table. Today it is necessary that executive sessions be preceded by meetings of our standing committees. Not only was this true in San Francisco, but in addition there was special representation of our Federation during the same week at two other national meetings in other parts of the country. The chairman of our Family Life Committee, Dr. Thomas A. Hayes of our Grand Rapids, Michigan Guild, attended the National Family Life Conference in Washington, D.C. and Dr. William J. Egan, editor of *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY*, and member of the Boston, Mass. Guild, participated in the annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association in New York City.

During the next few months we would like to ask our Guilds to direct attention to the New Orleans Executive Board meeting and stimulate attendance for the Conference on Medical Education and Research. This is an open convention, and the entire membership is invited to the meeting. Catholic physicians who are not members of the Federation will also be welcome. Hospitals will also be invited to send representatives. The sessions are being planned with the cooperation of The Catholic Hospital Association. The theme of the meeting is: "The Apostolate of Excellence in Professional Life and Community Hospital Activity." Nationally known speakers will participate. Dates scheduled for the Conference are November 13-14 to be held at the Monteleone Hotel, New Orleans.

In addition, sessions will be devoted to Medical Mission projects of the Guilds and to activities concerned with the Health Care of Clergy and Religious Program. We look forward to your cooperation in this endeavor with a large delegation from your Guild.

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