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The Moderator's Message

. . . MEDICINE AND RELIGION

Medicine is the basis of a highly personal relationship between a man and his physician; Religion is the basis for a highly personal relationship between a man and his God. Working together, these vital bonds of man can fashion the strongest force for aiding, understanding, and uplifting the whole man. And what is done by this beneficent force for the total man, will benefit all of human society. It is one of the happy signs of our times that men of Medicine and Religion are moving forward sympathetically and energetically toward a more integrated care of the sick, realizing that they need each other and that the sick man needs them both.

As Moderator of the National Federation, I should like to pay public tribute to Reverend Dr. Paul B. McCleave and to his personable and dedicated assistants in the American Medical Association's Department of Medicine and Religion. The programs they formulate for the convention each June present valuable human and spiritual insights for doctors and clergymen in the area of patient care. The program on June 20 in New York was truly inspiring.

The late Dr. Carlton J. H. Hayes, an outstanding historian of our times, once told me that he felt the great need of the modern world was a greater sense of compassion. I am confident that the efforts of the A.M.A., through its Department of Medicine and Religion, is performing the great service of helping us all to see and meet that present need. Future needs will take care of themselves if future programs match the warmth and the depth of the talks by Presiding Bishop John E. Hines and Dr. Howard Rusk.

Our Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds was honored by the invitation extended to me, as Moderator, to give the Invocation at this year's meeting. The Invocation is here printed at the request of our Editor, and with the personal hope that you, the reader, will help fashion the answers to our petitions.

INVOCATION

Almighty God, Author of life, send Your blessing upon this assembly. Send Your Spirit to direct us in the pursuit of true knowledge, and grant us both the humility to accept our findings, and the wisdom to apply them in such manner as to further the total life of those we serve, the life of the body and of the soul. Increase our comprehension of both the social and the individual needs of men; make us more tolerant of their faults as men, and more conscious of their dignity as children of God; and, as men endowed by You with special gifts, prompt us to foster respect for Your dominion over life, and trust in Your Providence as we share the task of preserving and enriching it. Increase our Faith — make fruitful our efforts — O, Divine Physician. Amen.

REVEREND KENNETH P. MACKINNON