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For twenty-nine years, The Linacre Quarterly has been ar outstanding journal of the philosophy and ethics of medical practice in this country. Its well selected articles have served as exc llent reference material throughout this period. Every medical so iety, hospital and medical school library as well as every pastor sould receive this journal. Many local Guilds arrange to supply subscription to these groups in their area.

The editorial committee is constantly striving to maintai. high standards for the magazine. The Abstract section, under the intiring editorship of Dr. Eugene L. Laforet, has just complete four years of publication. Since this group cannot possibly survey all of the literature, Linacre readers are urged to submit brief sum paries of articles they consider pertinent.

There is always a need for more material to publish. There are some 35,000 Catholic physicians in the United States which could mean article contribution in greater amount than now submitted. With united effort the journal could be expanded both in quantity and circulation.

This present issue pursues further the Health Care Program for Religious which will undoubtedly become an important preject for 1963 among our groups. The cooperation of our Guilds in assisting the Federation's committee in its work with the Conference of Major Religious Superiors will be a factor in the success of this endeavor and it is hoped that all Guild Health Care chairmen will support this Program in whatever way they are asked.

With the new year some Guilds may wish to revitalize their activities. Mission projects are a source of inspiration. The Los Angeles Guild with its Mission Doctor's Association and the Detroit Guild with its assistance in Guatemala are examples of this interest. Both groups would welcome aid from any who would like to Join their efforts in behalf of the missions.

The Federation annual Executive Board meeting will be held in Atlantic City on June 15. This is the day before the American Medical Association convention convenes. It is hoped that Guild delegates will be appointed early. The Memorial Mass for deceased Federation members and those of the A.M.A. will also be offered that morning.

It is our hope that Guild projects will flourish this year. May your membership increase and the number of our groups multiply. As we write this, another State is joining our Federation. The Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Diocese of Boise in Idaho has Just affiliated.

We extend our best wishes for all of your endeavors.

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