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We are nearing mid-year for our Guilds and looking ahead, anticipate having representatives from many of our member groups with us in Chicago for the annual meeting of the Federation's Executive Board. As other publications of ours have advised, June 27 is the day for these sessions. The A.M.A. convention is scheduled for June 24-29, providing a dual purpose to visit the Windy City during that week. We will convene at the Pick-Congress Hotel from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. Following this the annual Memorial Mass will be offered at St. Mary's Church at 5:15 p.m. All physicians and their families attending the A.M.A. meeting are urged to be in attendance. Our Moderator, Monsignor Donald A. McGowan, will be celebrant and Most Reverend Raymond P. Hillinger, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, will give the sermon. A Hospitality Hour will then be provided at the Pick-Congress Hotel from 6:30 until 7:30.

With further attention focused on the A.M.A. convention, the Federation will again be represented in the industrial exhibits. The space assigned to us this year at McCormick Place is F-128. It is our earnest hope that any who attend, will visit us in that area. As ever, help in staffing the booth would be greatly appreciated. The hours are long and the crowds pass by in large numbers; relief every few hours lends fresh approach, for which reason volunteers to give a little time for this Catholic Action project would be most welcome. Then too, this year for the first time we will be represented in the scientific area. Dr. James T. Nix of New Orleans will present his study of lung cancer in nuns, a project which is a part of the Health of Religious Program an activity which is sponsored by the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds. Any of our physicians who have done research in this area would be most welcome to assist Dr. Nix with this exhibit.

Elsewhere in this issue you will read of the developments in the medical mission field. Several of your officers are assisting the Catholic Medical Mission Board and you will note, of course, that a number of our Guilds are engaged in providing examinations for those applying for overseas service.

More and more members of Guilds are being added to our national committees, for which we are most grateful. Our most heartfelt ambition is to have one-hundred per cent participation of all Guilds in projects that are of national interest and concern.

Our central office advises that membership in some of our Guilds is increasing. The total mailing of the last *Guilds in Action* was 6,437. Let us increase this number for the next time. Urge your Membership Committees to contact the Catholic physicians in your vicinity — new arrivals may have come from other cities, a number on Catholic hospital staffs may never have been approached for membership, and even a few who "once belonged" might welcome a call from your chairman.

Please mark June 27 very specially on your calendar to participate in the activities of the Federation — a delegate should represent each Guild at the Executive Board meeting; all physicians and their families are urged to attend the Memorial Mass, and the Hospitality Hour will provide sociability and refreshments for those who wish to come. (Tickets may be procured at \$3.00 each from C. Pfister, M.D., 5511 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, Illinois or from the central office.)

Those physicians who are not presently members of any Guild would be most welcome to visit our exhibit at McCormick Place. We would like to acquaint you with our work and invite you to membership.

We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

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