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Dear Doctor Hemstad:

On Monday, August 22, 2005 I had a very fine meeting with Dr. Paul Braaton, Dr. Bob Forrester and Dr. Ana DeVilliers who are taking the leadership for the establishment of a Charter Guild of the Catholic Medical Association in the San Joaquin Valley.

I wish to offer my support and encouragement and would welcome a Catholic Medical Conference in Modesto in May of 2006. I only ask that they work closely with the diocese as they develop the Guild and the program for the Conference. As plans unfold I believe it would be helpful if I could appoint one of our priests as a spiritual director for the local Guild. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire
Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton

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cc: ✓ Dr. Paul Braaton
Dr. Bob Forrester
Dr. Ana DeVilliers