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### **Catholic Medical Association Welcomes First Woman Board President**

DATELINE October 31, 2007 – The Catholic Medical Association is proud to announce the election of Dr. Kathleen M. Raviele, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., the first woman to be elected president in the 76-year-old history of the organization.

Dr. Raviele is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist in the private practice of gynecology in the Atlanta area. She graduated with a BS degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. and attained her doctor of medicine degree from Albany Medical College of Union University in 1974. She completed a rotating internship and four-year residency in obstetrics and gynecology in 1979 from Case Western Reserve University Hospitals of Cleveland. She and her family moved to Atlanta, where she joined the clinical faculty at Emory University in obstetrics for five years and where she completed a fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Grady Memorial Hospital. She has been in private practice since 1985 in the Atlanta area. Her husband Anthony is a pediatric cardiologist on the faculty at Emory. They have been married for 33 years and have two adult children.

Dr. Raviele “reverted” to the Catholic faith as a result of Our Lady and for the past 16 years has had an NFP-only practice. She promotes and teaches natural family planning in her practice and gives marriage prep and diocesan programs on NFP. She has done radio and television shows on EWTN with Johnnette Benkovic and *Living His Life Abundantly* and is a regular columnist for *Canticle* magazine. She served on the board of Georgia Right to Life and testifies regularly for pro-life legislation in Georgia. Dr. Raviele joined the Catholic Medical Association in 1996.

Dr. Raviele coordinated a highly successful Annual Educational Conference in Atlanta from October 3-6. Entitled, “The Theology of the Body: The Dignity of Woman,” the CMA conference drew over 275 attendees from across the nation. Dr. Raviele will lead the CMA in 2008. In addition to promoting natural family planning and women’s health, she is particularly interested in protecting the conscience rights of physicians and health care reform

The Catholic Medical Association is the nation’s largest professional organization of Catholic physicians. More information on the CMA can be found at [www.cathmed.org](http://www.cathmed.org).