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As announced in the February 1957 issue of *THE LINACRE QUARTERLY* the Silver Jubilee Committee of The Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds has been hard at work on all phases of the preparations for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Mass, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Silver Jubilee Banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria on Wednesday, June 5, during the A. M. A. Convention.

The working Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Daniel A. Mulvihill, president of the New York Guild, is made up of representatives of all the Guilds in the greater New York area, including Brooklyn, Bronx, Westchester, Queens, and Nassau-Suffolk Guilds.

We are indebted to His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, Honorary Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Committee. Rt. Rev. Monsignor John J. O'Donnell, P.A., Executive Director of the Alfred E. Smith Foundation, has generously provided very adequate office facilities for the Committee in the quarters of the Alfred E. Smith Foundation, 453 Madison Avenue, New York.

Some 6,000 individual invitations have been mailed to Guild members and other Catholic physicians throughout the United States and Canada. More than 1,000 announcements have been mailed to the Catholic hospitals of the United States and Canada. In the tremendous amount of work involved the Committee has been assisted by many volunteers to whom we are most grateful for their diligent effort to effect the many details such an occasion demands.

As a result of these endeavors requests for ticket and table reservations are now being received in ever increasing volume. Reservations for tables of ten and groups of tables are being made by Guilds, hospital staffs, and medical school alumni groups.

The response on the part of Catholic hospitals throughout the country to our requests for cooperation has been splendid and most heartening. Sponsor contributions are received daily. The names of these hospitals will appear in the Souvenir Program. This is a wonderful gesture of support and goodwill to the Federation to which so many of their Catholic staff members belong.

As previously announced, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 5, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. The sermon will be preached by Reverend Ignatius Cox, S.J., first Moderator of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds.

The Silver Jubilee Banquet will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at 7:30 in the evening. Formal dress is required. The Banquet will be preceded by a reception at 6:30 p.m.

His Eminence Cardinal Spellman will preside on the dais and give the invocation. The guest speaker will be the Honorable Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine Ambassador to the United States, and Philippine Delegate to the Security Council of the United Nations.

Among other program plans will be the first *Thomas Linacre Award* presentation. A chalice inscribed in honor of the Federation Moderators will be presented to the Foreign Missions. The General Practitioner of the Year — Catholic physician, Dr. Edward M. Gans of Harlowton, Montana — will be honored. The past presidents of the Federation will be presented with honor scrolls.

Music during dinner will be provided by the Stanley Melba Cotillon Room Orchestra of the Hotel Pierre. This is one of the finest and most popular musical organizations in New York. The same orchestra has been engaged for after-dinner dancing which will continue until 1:00 a.m.

Every effort is being exerted by the Committee to assure an outstanding observance of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds. The Mass will denote the spiritual aims of the Guilds and the evening's festivities will be an enjoyable climax to the Silver Jubilee. June 5, 1957 will be a memorable day.

Acknowledgments

The Chairman and members of the Silver Jubilee Committee on behalf of the entire membership of the Federation wish to make preliminary acknowledgment at this time, and to express sincere thanks and deep appreciation to those who by their expressions of support and goodwill are making possible and assuring the success of the celebration.

First and foremost to His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, Honorary Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Committee, under whose distinguished patronage the events of June 5 will take place, our thanks and appreciation for his encouragement, support and ever-present cooperation.

To all the members of the Honorary Committee, both clergy and lay members, for their efforts in support of our objective.

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And, finally, to all of the Catholic hospitals throughout the United States and Canada who are manifesting their support and goodwill to the Catholic Physicians' Guilds in many ways, as well as contributing to the Sponsors' list for the Silver Jubilee Celebration.

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