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PLAN EARLY FOR ST. LUKE'S DAILY OBSERVANCE . . .

Preparations for The White Mass, the annual observance to honor St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, on October 18th, his Feast Day, will soon be made locally. To give assistance in making plans, publicity prepared by the Shreveport, Louisiana Guild is indicated here. With an invitation is included the informational brochure concerning the Mass, set forth below.

What is the White Mass?

It is an annual gathering for public worship by those who care for the sick:

- in adoration of the Creator of all life by the men and women who cooperate with God in its preservation here on earth,
- in union with Our Lord Jesus Christ, Healer of bodies as well as Savior of souls, Divine Comforter of the afflicted and the halt and lame,
- under the patronage of St. Luke the Evangelist, himself a physician and for nineteen centuries world-wide model for the medical profession.
- to emphasize the truth of the Spirit in man, who through the sublime instrumentality of parenthood is composed of body and soul, matter and spirit, immortal through the endless ages after death.
- in testimony that we humans are made to the image and likeness of God, made to know Him, love and serve Him that we might become sharers in His Divine Life here and in the eternity to come.

The White Mass, the Memorial Sacrifice of Our Lord's death on the Cross, is likewise offered:

- a group tribute to all in our community who care for the sick,
- that their dedication to their Christ-like vocation may be renewed with the noblest of motives,
- to express our admiration for medical science and its never tiring research to relieve man's suffering,
- in appreciation by mothers and fathers for the devotion and self-sacrifice of doctor, nurse and all others who care for our families and friends in time of crisis and sorrow,
- in token of homage and esteem by our Bishop and clergy as ministers of souls and to you who minister to the body and mind of man's natural life.



PROPOSED PLAN FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE "WHITE MASS"

Arrangements Committee — all members, Catholic

Chairman — President of Guild, with two other members assisting

One Dentist

Two Nurses

Laboratory technician

X-ray technician

Pharmacist

Pharmaceutical detail man

Hospital Administrator

Physio-therapist

One representative from each private nursing registry

Two medical students

Nursing student (one from each training school)

Women's Auxiliary Catholic Hospital and Medical Society, one each

Physician from Veterans' Hospital

Physician from local Army, Navy or Air Force

Chaplain of the Guild

Each member is responsible for in-
"White Mass" and of mailing invit-
(evening) reception that includes
and their families. The notice sh-
bulletins of the groups and announc-
mission to post an invitation on bulle-
ing respective organization of the
s which advise of place, time, and
cers, Catholic and non-Catholic,
be published in all the monthly
of meetings. Secure hospital ser-
board.

Publicity Committee

Secular Press
Diocesan Press
Catholic Church Bulletins

Entertainment Committee

Arrange for refreshments after Mass, served by wives of Guild members.

Ushers Committee

Guild members should form this committee and direct the seating.

Servers Committee

If possible, have Guild members serve the "White Mass."

Speaker's Committee

The Moderator of the Guild should, if possible, offer the Mass.
The Ordinary of the diocese or some outstanding Priest speaker should
be asked to give the sermon.

Every effort should be made to make this a united offering of the "White
Mass" by all men and women "in white" who serve the sick.
If possible, it should be a Dialogue Mass, with the leaflet missal distributed
to those attending and following in English, if that is more feasible.
An added touch is for all Guild members to wear a white carnation.
Assign all Guild members to a committee to give them an active part in the
observance of the "White Mass."

(INVITATION TO WHITE MASS SPONSORED BY THE SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, GUILD)

THE ANNUAL WHITE MASS

FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND ALL OTHERS
DEVOTED TO THE CARE OF THE SICK AND RELATED VOCATIONS
WILL BE OFFERED IN

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

CORNER OF FOURTH AND MAIN STREETS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER TWENTIETH, 5:30 P. M.

A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IN THE CATHOLIC HIGH GYM

NORTH AND FOURTH

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

THE CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD