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THE FEDERATION WELCOMES two more Guilds to membership. Application for affiliation was received and accepted on June 15, 1953, from the Catholic Physicians' Guild of St. Damian, Dallas, Texas. Officers of the Guild are: President, J. B. Murphy, M. D.; Vice-President, F. T. Harrington, M. D.; Secretary, L. S. Smith, M. D., and Treasurer, O. F. Bush, M. D. Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. O'Brien is Chaplain of this group.

The activities of the Guild of St. Damian of Dallas are a balanced program of meetings, retreats and communion breakfasts to stimulate the interest of the members in medical-moral problems.

Likewise, affiliation of the LACROSSE, WISCONSIN GUILD is reported. Application was accepted on July 16. Robert E. McMahon, M.D. is President; John J. Sevenants, M.D., is Secretary-Treasurer, and Rev. Raymond F. Halker, C.P.P.S. is Spiritual Director.

Best wishes are extended for important accomplishments and may growth be reported each year.

THE CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA has been organized. Vancouver is the city of this activity. It is hoped that this group will become affiliated with the Federation soon. Officers are: J. R. O'Donnell, M. D., President; O. Kirby, M. D., Vice-President; H. E. St. Louis, M. D., Secretary; D. Steele, M. D., Treasurer, and Drs. C. Mackenzie, C. Coady, and A. Rader, membership-at-large. Dr. Rader will represent the Dental profession. Rev. J. A. Leahy, S. J. is Chaplain for the group.

THE NEW ORLEANS GUILD has sent to the Central Office an account of its year's activities. A series of lectures by Rev. John A. Gasson, S. J., Professor of Philosophy at the Jesuit House of Studies in Springhill, Ala. was presented. Topics were: "Integrating the Physician", being a whole person, and living on a supernatural level; "Integrating His Practice"; "Integrating Physician-Patient Relationships", and "Integrating the Patient."

The Guild has adopted as its responsibility the physical examination of children in the Catholic Schools of New Orleans.

A Library Committee makes available in the medical libraries Catholic books and articles on morals and ethics as prescribed by the Church.

THE IRISH GUILD OF ST. LUKE, SS., COSMAS AND DAMIAN will sponsor an International Congress of Catholic Doctors in Dublin from Tuesday, July 13 to Saturday, July 17, 1954. The subject for discussion will be *Demography—The Influence of World Population Trends and Problems on the*

*Future of the Human Race.* Such topics as *The Trend of Modern Thought on the Birth Rate, The Care of Infants and Children, The Influence of Hygiene, The Care of the Aged and Social Problems of Importance Concerning Humanity.* All Catholic doctors are invited to attend. Inquiries should be made to The Secretary, The Irish Guild of St. Luke, SS. Cosmas and Damian, "Veritas House," 7, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, Ireland.

It is hoped that Obstetricians belonging to Guilds will promote the annual Obstetricians' Mass of Thanksgiving (See May issue Linacre Quarterly for details). Contact your hospital administrators now to make plans for the Mass in your hospital chapel on the Feast of the Holy Family in 1954.