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You will note that the official list of affiliated Guilds has been increased by four. Late in January the New Haven Catholic Physicians' Guild became affiliated. A report from Dr. Henry S. Milone, Secretary-Treasurer of the group, indicates that some two years ago a group of physicians began to meet monthly to discuss problems in Catholic medical ethics and interested Father John Knott, Director of Cana and associated conferences, to act as Moderator. Continuing and increasing interest was motive for inviting non-participating physicians to an organization meeting on St. Luke's Day in 1953. This meeting launched the Guild. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Michael Shea; Vice-President, Dr. Charles Flynn; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Henry S. Malone. Rev. John C. Knott is Spiritual Director.

On March 3, the Catholic Physicians' Guild of Houston, Texas became a member of the Federation. The officers of the Guild are: L. B. Zeis, M.D., President; John J. Jerabeck, M.D., Vice-President; J. Winston Morrison, M.D., Treasurer, and Clarence R. Martin, M.D., Secretary. Rev. Martin Lynch, C.S.B. is Chaplain. In addition to the members receiving LINACRE QUARTERLY, the Guild is making the journal available to thirty Catholic medical students at Baylor University School of Medicine. These students are also encouraged to attend the medico-moral lectures given by Father Lynch and are guests at the Communion Breakfasts of the group. A closed retreat for Guild members is planned for September. The "Historical Note" at the close of the Guild's Constitution we think sounds off the note that should be inspiration for all the endeavors of this group... and all other Guilds to dedicate their efforts to Our Lady in her Marian Year.

"This Constitution and these By-Laws were approved and adopted at the first general meeting of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of Houston on November 30, 1953. This same date, being the first day of the novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in preparation for the beginning of the Marian Year of extraordinary jubilee, proclaimed by the reigning pontiff, Pius XII, places this Physicians' Guild of Houston under the particular patronage and the special protection of the

Immaculate Heart of Mary and uniquely singles out each of its members as special clients of her maternal love and affection. Be it so resolved."

The third new Federation member is the Grand Rapids Catholic Physicians' Guild. Officers are: President: Dr. Joseph McKenna; Vice-President: Dr. Joseph Lentini; Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Stanley Molski, and Chaplains: Rt. Rev. Raymond Sweeney and Rev. Ephraem Sitko, O.F.M. The present membership consists of the staff doctors of St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids.

The Catholic Physicians' Guild of Greater Fall River, Mass. is the fourth name to be added to our membership list. Officers are: President, Paul P. Dunn, M.D.; Vice-President, Daniel Mooney, M.D., and Secretary-Treasurer, John Manning, M.D. Rev. Daniel F. Shalloo is the Guild Moderator. We are advised that for their year's activities a three-day retreat will be conducted in May. The annual meeting will be held in October for election of officers, formation of new committees, and a luncheon with guest speaker. There will be special observance of St. Luke's Feast Day, October 18. Another regular meeting is scheduled for February with a luncheon and guest speaker.

These four Guilds have all become affiliated since the first of the year. We wish them success in all their endeavors.

Interesting to note is the fact that Guilds other than those organized by our Catholic doctors are thriving and progressing with great zeal in apostolic endeavor for their professions. Recently the Central Office received a booklet entitled "Our Faith in Pharmacy." It is published by the Druggists' Guild of St. James, Diocese of Covington, Ky. With the same objectives in mind that prompt physicians to organize, the booklet gives a history of the Guild named for St. James who is the patron of druggists and then proceeds to enumerate the ideals in practice. The moral aspects of Pharmacy are discussed by Rev. E. H. Trimbur, the Guild's Chaplain. Advice regarding the organization of a Druggists' Guild and copy of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws are mentioned in conclusion.

A copy of the booklet is available by writing to the Druggists' Guild of St. James, 119 W. 6th St., Covington, Ky. Catholic physicians and pharmacists who are members of several of our guilds would find it informative.

A year's subscription to LINACRE QUARTERLY is on record for 75 medical students at Boston College, the gift of the Guild of St. Luke

of Boston. The interest of our Guilds in distribution of our journal to those preparing for the medical profession is indeed edifying and they are certainly to be commended for this effort.

Dr. John J. Sevenants, Secretary of the Catholic Physicians' Guild of LaCrosse, Wis. reports the Communion Breakfast and Meeting of that group in March. Rev. John J. Flanagan, S.J., our Editor and Executive Director of The Catholic Hospital Association, was guest speaker. The importance of the Catholic Physicians' Guild to the community was emphasized by Father Flanagan and he urged the doctors to give generously and unselfishly of their talents. This Guild, too, is arranging for a retreat. In July the physicians and dentists of the diocese will have theirs at Holy Cross Seminary, LaCrosse.

The provisional programme of the International Congress of Catholic Doctors—Dublin, June 30-July 4, 1954 requests that the names of those who will attend be sent to the Secretary General for the Congress as early as possible. Contact your Guild President if you plan to attend. A copy of the programme with which a registration form is included was sent to him.

#### **Federation Executive Board Meeting Scheduled**

The Executive Board of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds will meet at 9:30 a. m., June 23, 1954, at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, California.

The Board comprises the elective officers of the Federation and one delegate from each active constituent Guild.

#### **Annual Meeting of Catholic Physicians**

The annual meeting for Catholic physicians will be held Wednesday, June 23, 1954. The occasion is sponsored by The Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds but not necessarily limited to membership. All Catholic doctors are cordially invited to attend.

The place—St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

The time—12:30 p. m.—Luncheon.

A short program will follow the luncheon.

Mail your reservation to 1438 So. Grand Blvd., St. Louis 4, Missouri. Luncheon ticket, \$4.50.