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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEDERATION CONVENTION

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It has been most gratifying to the officers of the Federation to note the growth, development and progress of the Catholic Physicians' Guild movement in the United States, during the past year.

As president of the Federation, I am very happy to announce that full affiliation with our national body has been extended to two recently formed Guilds, one in Newark, New Jersey, and the other in Detroit, Michigan. Encouraging activity in Guild beginnings is reported from Mayor Holling of Buffalo, New York; from Rev. Louis B. Preston of Caldwell, Ohio, who is endeavoring to establish a Guild in southeastern Ohio, and from Dr. Louis D. Cassidy of St. Louis, Mo.

The Holy Father has repeatedly approved the aims and purposes of the Guild movement among Catholic physicians. He has on many occasions bestowed his blessings on Guild activities, and as the Vicar of Christ he has called insistently on Catholic physicians to unite professionally in units of Catholic action, insuring for themselves great personal spiritual advantages and, for those with whom they come in contact, a finer appreciation of Catholic Christian principles of life, and manner of living.

We have always enjoyed the sympathetic interest and practical support and encouragement of in-

dividual members of the Catholic hierarchy in this country. Very recently in Washington, at the meeting of the bishops, the subject of Catholic Physicians' Guilds was discussed, and His Excellency, Archbishop Rummel, the chairman of the lay organization department, was charged with the duty and responsibility of affording the greatest possible aid, encouragement and support in the furtherance of this movement.

The constitution and by-laws of the Federation call for a convention and election of officers every two years. In recent years it has been the feeling that this should be held in connection with the annual meeting of the American Medical Association. A similar arrangement has proven most satisfactory in England, where the national body of Catholic Physicians meets at the time of the meeting of the British Medical Association. In 1936 our meeting was held at Baltimore, in connection with the Catholic Hospital meeting. Subsequent meetings took place at Atlantic City in 1937, and St. Louis, 1939, where on each occasion the American Medical Association was in annual meeting. This year the American Medical Association meets in New York City, June 10th to 14th, inclusive. The Federation Convention will be held during this session.

Officers of the Catholic Club of New York City have very gra-

ciously offered their rooms in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to serve as headquarters for our organization during the week. Your officers have chosen Wednesday, June 12th, as Federation day. On that day the convention will go into session at the quarters of the Catholic Club. Arrangements are in progress for a mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Spellman officiating. In the evening it is proposed to hold a dinner at the Biltmore Hotel. There will be a notable list of distinguished guests. You will not be disappointed in the speakers. Five dollars will be the price of the dinner ticket. During the week there will be a Federation Booth. Here will be found copies of LINACRE, and much informative material having to do with the Catholic Physicians' Guilds. The active support of every Guild and every individual Guild member is earnestly invited. If you intend to come to New York, be sure to register at our booth, visit the headquarters in the rooms of the Catholic Club, Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, 7th floor, and read the daily American Med-

ical Association bulletin for notice of our activities.

Plan to assist at Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Come to the meeting in the Catholic Club, and express your views and opinion. Complete a perfect day by attending the dinner at the Biltmore Hotel at night. Splendid opportunity will be afforded to meet and know one another. Great benefit can be derived from open and free discussion of ways and means of attaining our purposes and in the furtherance of the Guild movement.

Whether it is your intention to come to the Convention or not, do not fail to give the officers of the Federation the benefit of any advice or suggestion that you feel may be helpful in making our convention a success.

You may address the President or Secretary or one of the following: Dr. Thomas E. Waldie, Chairman of Dinner Committee; Dr. John E. Conboy, Chairman of Committee on Mass; Dr. Ignatius Byrne, Chairman of Committee on Booth and Convention. Mailing address: Exec. Secretary, 477 Madison Avenue, New York City.

SPECIAL NOTICE

ALL CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS

whether members of Catholic Physicians' Guilds or not,
should attend our Federation Day Exercises.

Guild members are requested to spread information.