

Cork City and County Archives

Descriptive List

Identity Statement Area

Reference Code: IE CCCA/U689

Title: Irish Guild of St.Luke SS.Cosmas and Damien (Cork Branch)

Dates: 1934 - 1968

Level of description: Fond

Extent: 1 box (6 items)

Context

Creator(s)

Irish Guild of St.Luke SS.Cosmas and Damien (Cork Branch)

Archival History

Accessioned from family of Dr. Eithne Conlon, Shanakiel, Sunday's Well, Cork in 2008.

Biographical / Administrative History

Catholic medical practitioners/doctors society. The Cork branch was established in April 1934 along with other branches in Belfast and Dublin all under the auspices of the central Council of the Guild. The aim of the Guild was the development of a 'truly Catholic conscience and outlook throughout the medical profession'. Areas of activity mentioned in 1934 include general moral principles, abortion and birth-control, sex instruction for the young, baptism, gynacology in its relation to medico-ethical matters, marriage, moral impediments, extreme unction, and medical missions. Meetings held initially in CCYMS (Cork Catholic Young Mens Society) Hall at Castle Street, Cork and later at University College Cork. Dr.Eithne Conlon was Secretary of the branch in the 1960's.

Content and Structure

Scope and Content

Records of the Cork Branch of the Irish Guild of St.Lukes SS Cosmas Damian, Catholic medical association. Including: minute books, 1934-1968, plus enclosures and some orrespondence and other material. Of interest to those studying Irish medical and social history from the mid 1930's.

System of Arrangement

Items 1 -2 : Minute books plus enclosures

Items 3 - 6: Files containing correspondence and other material.

Conditions of Access and Use

Access: Open by appointment to those holding a current readers ticket.

Language: English

Finding Aid: Descriptive List

Archivists Note

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Cork City & County Archives
February 2010

List of Items

U689/1 April 1934 – 23 Oct 1953

1. MS Minute Book of Irish Guild of St.Luke SS.Cosmas and Damien (Cork Branch). With detailed minutes of discussions and resolutions at various meetings plus some texts and descriptions of lectures given to the Guild. Areas of activities mentioned at the 2nd meeting (26 October 1934) include general moral principles, abortion and birth-control, sex instruction for the young, baptism, gynecology in its relation to medico-ethical matters, marriage, moral impediments, extreme unction, medical missions (p.6). Includes lecture by Fr.Sylvester OFM giving a criticism of Nazi racial theories (pp106-110).

212pp

Plus 23 Enclosures, including:

2. Printed Order of Exercises for [Doctors Retreat] with MS note on recto (n.d)
3. TS Branch Hon. Secretary's Annual Report for Year 1952-3
4. TS Branch Hon. Treasurer Annual Report 1949-50
5. Notice of Mass for Master-General of Guild Dr. Jeremiah Foley (1950)
6. Newsclippings concerning unexpected death of Dr. Jeremiah Foley, Guild Master and Medical Officer at Castletownroche (b. Ballyhooley (7 items) (1950)
7. Newsclipping concerning appointment of Cornelius Lucey as coadjutor Bishop of Cork (n.d.)
8. MS Balance Sheets for Branch, Oct 1951 and 1952-53
9. MS Income and Expenditure account for Branch 1951
10. TS Branch Hon. Sec. Annual Report 1950 – 51
11. TS Branch Hon. Sec. Annual Report 1951 – 52
12. TS Branch Hon. Sec. Annual Report 1949 – 50
13. MS Minute of Branch Meeting 20 Nov 1953
14. MS Balance Sheet of Branch Oct. 1950
15. TS Minutes of Meeting of the Exec. Committee of the International Congress of Catholic Doctors (29 Oct 1953)
16. TS Branch Lecture Programme for 1948 – 1949
17. MS Branch list of Lectures 1949-1950
18. 4th International Congress of Catholic Doctors, Rome 1949. Itinerary of visit (Nov 1949)
19. Newsclipping concerning letter from the Papal Secretary of State to Dr. Jeremiah Foley, acknowledging jubilee gift of monstrance plus cheque for £50 from the Irish guild (4 Nov 1949)

20. Newsclipping concerning speech by Archbishop of Dublin Rev. Dr. McQuaid at inaugural meeting of the Dun Laoghaire branch of the Guild (n.d)
21. Newsclipping concerning cure for Migrane (n.d)
22. Prayer card. Prayer for Peace (Oct 1939)
23. Leaflet and prayer card for Medical Missionaries of Mary
24. MS. Note re. expenses of doctors plus blank Branch headed note paper (n.d)

U689/2 [18 Dec] 1953 – 21 Mar 1968

MS Minute Book of Irish Guild of St.Luke SS.Cosmas and Damien (Cork Branch. Record of regular meetings and annual general meetings. Meetings are generally held in U.C.C. Staff House. Many attending are medical practitioners. Mentions various lectures and discussions (for instance by Dr. JB Kearney) relating to various matters such as medical issues, transplants, abortion, contraception, Church teachings, religious history, the annual retreat, marriage, and the Second Vatican Council of 1962 - 3

c.150pp

With some enclosures.

U689/3 1965-1968

File folder containing letters to Dr. Conlon, also notices etc. (Covering mainly branch organisational issues).

33 items

Includes:

1. TS Cork Br. Agenda for meeting (c.1967)
2. TS Letter re. capitation fees fom main Guild, Dublin (1967)
3. MS Note re. Irish incidence of alcoholism
4. TS Letter from Dean of Residence UCC to Dr. JG O'Brien re. retreat (1963)
5. TS Copy of minutes of AGM of the Guild in Drogheda (1961)
6. MS. Letter from Fr. Ambrose McMitchell, St Marys Priory to Dr. Conlon re. contribution(1964)
7. TS. Notice re international congress of Catholic Doctors (1960)
8. TS. Note from John Rea, St Colemans College, Fermoy re. subscription (1964)

9. TS. letter from Rev James Good, Lough Presbytery, Cork to Dr. E. Conlon re invitation to Prof MacConaill's lecture (1964)
10. MS. Note from Vera Devane, Limerick re. mass for deceased husband (1964)
11. TS. Notice of Annual Enclosed Retreat (1967)
12. TS. Letter from [Ralph Sutton], [solicitor] South Mall re panel for lecture(1967)
13. Printed notice/agenda/ timetable of AGM of Guild, Kilkenny (1967)
14. TS Agenda for regular of Cork Branch [1967?]
15. TS note from Dr. Raymond G Cross Fitzwilliam re [lecture] (1968)
16. TS Letter from Raymond Magill, Sec General of Guild, Belfast, re. half yearly meeting of guild in Dublin (Apr 1968)
17. TS. Letter from PG Power, Superintendent, An Garda Siochana, McCurtain Street, re. invitation to symposium on 'road carnage'(Mar 1968)
18. TS Note from J. Ivor Horgan, South Mall re symposium (Mar 1967)
19. MS Note from [Una], re guild meeting (Mar 1968)
20. TS Letter from MD Hickey Thoracic Surgeon, Cork Health Authority, St Stephens Hospital, Sarsfieldscourt re talk on heart transplant (Mar 1968)
21. TS notice re. symposium (1968)
- 22 TS note from Dr. Raymond G Cross Fitzwilliam re [lecture] (1968)
23. TS Notice of meeting and lecture [1968]
24. MS. Letter from [Vincent O'Sullivan] South Presbytery, Dunbar St, Cork re. appreciation of good wishes (Dec 1967)
25. TS. notice of requiem mass for members of guild [1967-1968]
26. TS. Item (1p) entitled "Summary of Paper on 'The Catholic Attitude to Family Planning' ", on St Coleman's College, Fermoy headed paper. [1965]
27. TS. letter from Rev. James Good, Lough Presbytery, re. lecture to guild (Dec 1963)
28. MS. Letter from RB Magill, Sec. General, Belfast re. contact with local branches (Dec 1963)
- 29 TS. Note from Kay O'Riordan, UCC, enclosing accounts for last meeting (Nov 1963)
- 30 TS Note from [JJ Fitzmaurice], Cork Health Authority, City Hall re meeting (Nov 1963)
- 31 MS. Note from Dr. JG Corr, Riverview Lodge Glenbrook re meeting (Nov 1963)
- 32 TS. Note from John Rea, St Colmans College, Fermoy re. no subject for discussion (Nov 1963)
- 33 TS. Note from John Rea, St Colemans College, Fermoy re. attendance at meeting (Oct 1963)

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- U689/4 File folder containing mainly letters re. organisational matters.
(8 items)
Includes:
1. MS Dr EM Conlon, Secretary's Report for 1964 – 1965
 2. MS Dr EM Conlon, (draft) Secretary's Report for 1963-1964 plus draft AGM minutes [Oct 1964]
 3. TS note from Mr. TJ Noonan, Cashel, re booking of Doctor's retreat (Sep 1964)
 4. TS Notice and agenda, main Guild AGM, Waterford, 1964
 5. TS Note from RB Magill re AGM (Sep 1964)
 6. TS agenda, AGM of Cork Branch (Oct 1964)
 7. TS notice, timetable and agenda for AGM (Oct 1964)
 8. MS. Letter from RB Magill, Sec General re. sending of reps. To AGM (Sep 1964)

U689/5 File folder containing various items, mainly addressed to Dr. Conlon.

25 items

Includes:

1. MS note re. The Secretarys Report 1965-66
2. TS Notice and Agenda of AGM Cork Branch Nov 1968
3. TS letter from Rev James Good, Lough Presbytery, Cork. Concerns a summary of his lecture on the 2nd Vatican Council (Feb 1966)
4. Report/Minutes of the Half Yearly meeting of the Central Council of the Guild held 11 April 1965. Matters discussed include finance, publicity, birth control report to Pope (Jul 1965)
5. TS letter from RB Magill, Sec Gen to all Branch secretaries re. AGM (Sep 1965) with MS. notes on front and rear
6. TS notice from Rb Magill of meeting in Dublin (Apr 1966)
7. MS. Note re. activities of Cork Branch (n.d)
8. MS Note re. activities of Cork Branch (n.d.)
9. TS. Notice and agenda for meeting of Cork Branch (n.d.)
10. TS. Note from Kay O'Riordan, UCC to Dr. Forde re stamps and envelopes for AGM (Nov 1961)
11. TS Note from John Rea, St Colman's College, Fermoy re lecture (Mar 1964)
12. TS Note from John Rea, St Colman's College, Fermoy re lecture (Feb 1964)
13. TS Letter from RB Magill enclosing notice of International Congress [1962]
14. Printed Circular re. First European Congress of Catholic Doctors, Malta

(May 1963)

15. Printed notice from Guild's North of Ireland Branch re lecture by Dr. Jacobus Dominian (n.d.)
16. TS. Letter from Dr. JW Dignan, Sec. Gen. , International Congress Headquarters, Great Britain Guild, London to Dr. J. O'Brien, Coolmoe, Fermoy re. number of Catholic Doctors attending the 10th International Congress (Mar 1962)
17. Printed article 'Oral Contraceptives in catholic communities' Mentions meeting of IMA in Cork. [c.1965]
18. MS Note re meeting (n.d.)
19. Receipt from UCC for £2 (Nov 1968)
20. Ms. Note 'Treasurers Report' (Nov 1968)
21. TS Letter from M.D. McCarthy, President, UCC re. permission to hold AGM in Staff House (Nov 1968)
22. TS Notice of Mass in Honan Chapel followed by Lecture by Dr, Raymond Cross in Erinville Hospital [1968].
23. TS. Letter from RB Magill, Sec Gen. re recent Encyclical on birth control (Aug 1968)
24. MS. Note from Mr. DK Mulvany, Guild in London, re subscriptions (Sep 1968)
- 25 Blank Cork Branch headed note paper (n.d.)

U689/6 File folder containing various items:

15 items

Includes:

1. MS. Secretary's Report for Year 1967 – 1968 (Nov 1968)
2. TS. Notice and Agenda for Meeting October [c.1965]
3. MS. Letter from [M. Renie Morris?], La Retraite, Western Rrd. Cork re. Retreat (Oct 1967)
4. MS. Note from John Rea enclosing cheque for subscription (Oct 1964)
5. Envelope containig receipts for AGM held in Cork from Cork Intercontinental Hotel (Oct 1965)
6. TS letter from Mary Sullivan, Hon Treasurer, Irish Guild, Dublin enclosing receipt for affiliation fee (Jan 1965)
7. Printed appeal leaflet for £1 from every Catholic doctor in Ireland for the Third World Congress of the Lay Apostolate including copy of letter from Thomas Morris Archbishop of Cashel ro Dr. PC Jennings Master General of Irish Guild (Mar 1967)
8. MS Note re expenses (1965)
9. TS. Letter from Kay O'Riordan, UCC to Dr. O'Connor concerning expenses for doctors retreat. (Sept 1967)

10. Mass Card for Mr. Conlon (n.d.)
11. Newsclipping with photo of Rory Henderson, Sec of the National Health Insurance Society. (nd)
12. Select Proceedings 1964 – 1965 of the Dublin branch of the Guild, of meetings in association with the Faculty of Philosophy, UCD, following on from booklet published in 1963 *The Catholic Concept of Family Planning*. Concerns Impotence and Marriage (Gerard Sheehy, J. Dermot O’Flynn, J. Kevin Feeny) and The Natural Law and Recent Medical Developments (Patrick Masterson, Michael Bertram Crowe). With list of Dublin branch officers.
13. *Catholic Medical Quarterly*, Journal of the Guild of St. Luke, SS. Cosmas and Damian Vol. XVII No. 4 (144) (October 1964)
14. *Catholic Medical Quarterly* Vol. XIX No. 1 (149) (January 1966)
15. Book. *Preparing for Marriage* by John Marshall MD, New Edition, London, (1969)