

Societas Lucae

Tirocinium MMXXIII



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Invitation

World Youth Day brings together young people from all over the world to celebrate the joy of our Universal Church and celebrate the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Are you a medical student or young medical trainee? Do you hope to bring the joy of the gospel into your medical school and patient interactions? Do you desire to serve as Christ's hands and feet in your medical vocation? The world needs you, especially your Catholic faith lived boldly in medicine, and we want to help! We are **Societas Lucae**, the young member outreach of the F.I.A.M.C. (Catholic Physicians Throughout the World), and we are organizing a camp for Catholic medical trainee leaders throughout the world!

The event is called **Tirocinium** and aims to be a time of shared experience, reflection, and formation of the future leaders in Catholic medicine.

What will the Tirocinium camp be like? It will be a "boot camp" formation experience for medical students (or residents) that will take place in Portugal over 4 days the weekend before Lisbon 2023 WYD. The theme will be *Stand Up and Go*. We will discuss bioethical issues, share difficulties faced by Catholic trainees and doctors around the world, spend time in prayer with Our Lord, and HAVE FUN! We will be led through the camp weekend by a team of international physician FIAMC leaders from all over the world including Portugal, Brazil, Croatia, and the United States!

What is the purpose of Tirocinium? You are not alone in the challenges you face as a Catholic in medicine. In the words of the late Pope Benedict, "*You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.*" We believe that from the beginning of our medical career, our desire to recognize Christ in each patient makes us different. We stand out from our peers. We face hardship. We need mentors and friends to support us through the challenge! We recognize that the world, and the Church, needs young leaders willing to speak out when patients are not

treated with the love and dignity they deserve. The Tirocinium is a time where we will bring together this inaugural cohort of young medical leaders for formation and fellowship.

Who can participate? We are looking for inspired medical students, motivated to fully embrace their Catholic identity in medicine and who will serve as local leaders in their corner of the world to rally the next generation of young Catholic physicians. This is an intentional formation experience. Those interested should apply via this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf71MAANWj9MO4f4fcvUp3O0-TCYedM2y8W0PP0oP-sdtl2xg/viewform?usp=sf_link

We invite each national Catholic Medical Association to nominate two students to join our Tirocinium! The president or a director of the CMA should write a simple letter to be attached to these students' applications confirming the recommendation. If the CMA does not nominate students, we would ask for national CMAs to share and promote the event locally so interested students can apply directly.

Please note: there will be a selection process as spots are limited. Our selection team will consider location, applicant motivation to participate, and letters of recommendation. It's not mandatory to be nominated by a CMA, all students can apply. Nevertheless, priority will be given to students nominated by the national Catholic Medical Association of each country.

If you have any further questions about the Tirocinium event or application process, please contact us at societas.lucae@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Instagram: [@societas.lucae](https://www.instagram.com/societas.lucae)

We thank you for your attention and collaboration!

Sincerely,

Tirocinium Organizing Committee.