



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LANSING

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To: All Lawyers and Law Students of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing

Re: Catholic Lawyers Guild

We live in challenging times. The Truth proclaimed by the Church is under attack like never before in the history of our nation. The battle must be fought on many fronts, of course, but nowhere is the need for wisdom greater than on the legal front. Our culture is aching for leadership from Catholic lawyers.

For the past thirty years, the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of Lansing has provided a forum where lawyers find encouragement in spiritual growth and attentiveness to those matters of the law which have a particular bearing on our lives as Catholics. The Guild's activities have revolved primarily around four events: (1) Annual Spring Luncheon with Guest Speaker; (2) Annual Red Mass at St. Mary Cathedral with Dinner and St. Thomas More Award; (3) Annual Retreat; and (4) First Friday Mass and Fellowship at the Cathedral (monthly).¹

The Guild wants to expand its influence and invites all lawyers and law students to become active members. The Guild is currently represented in many of our parishes and is reaching out to all parishes in our diocese. The Guild would like to identify a reliable contact person (or two) in each parish to serve as a "Liaison," who can channel communications from the Guild to other parish lawyers and law students. It is also hoped that Parish Liaisons will eventually help expand the impact of the Guild by assisting in planning and hosting Guild events throughout the six vicariates of the diocese.

Please join the Guild, and you may do so by completing the membership form on the website and mailing it as soon as possible to the provided address. I encourage you to contact Diane Arzberger, Executive Director at 517-402-2880 or lclguild@gmail.com for further information. The Officers and At-Large Members on the Board are available to answer your questions.

It has been a real privilege and pleasure to preside at the Guild's Red Mass and Dinner each of the last several years and to be acquainted with these faithful men and women whose important work deserves our encouragement. I urge you to join the Catholic Lawyers Guild and become an active member and help as much as you can.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Earl Boyea
Bishop of Lansing

¹ More information about the Guild, its current officers and by-laws, etc., can be found at the Website: www.lansingcatholiclawyersguild.com