



# CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY

September 22, 2017

Dear Colleague in the Law:

On behalf of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of Albany I would like to invite you to attend the annual Red Mass for judges, lawyers and those who work in the legal community, to be celebrated by Edward B. Scharfenberger, J.D., D.D., Bishop of Albany, on October 17, 2017 at 9:00 AM at historic St. Mary's Church, 10 Lodge Street, Albany, NY. The Red Mass is celebrated in countries around the world to invoke the blessings of the Holy Spirit upon the work of the judicial and legal systems, and upon those of all faiths who labor in the law. In Washington, D.C. the Red Mass marks the October opening of the Supreme Court's annual term and is usually attended by the President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Associate Justices, leading federal, state and local jurists, and other government officials.

When Bishop Scharfenberger, himself a canon lawyer and civil lawyer, first arrived in Albany he encouraged the Catholic Lawyers Guild to revive the tradition of the Red Mass in the diocese. This is our fourth year sponsoring the Red Mass, and participation from amongst the bench and bar has grown steadily. We sincerely hope you can be among those joining us this year. After the Red Mass a coffee hour will be held in the church hall where jurists, members of the bar and the clergy will have a chance to socialize for a few minutes before returning to work.

We would welcome any of your co-workers and associates as well. Please extend this invitation to those on your staff, and any friends in the profession.

Please reply to [pkehoe@nysheriffs.org](mailto:pkehoe@nysheriffs.org) or to (518) 432 4318 or to Peter R. Kehoe, Esq., Attorney at Law, 27 Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207.

Very truly yours,

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Chairman

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