

*The St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Guild
Of
West Tennessee*

Requests the honor of your presence at the annual

RED MASS

at

*The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
1695 Central Ave, Memphis, TN*

On Sunday, the fourteenth day of October,

Two thousand and eighteen

at 12 o'clock noon

Honoring judges, lawyers and public officials of all faiths

And invoking God's blessings and guidance

In the administration of justice

His Excellency

Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, D.D.

Bishop of Memphis in Tennessee

Principal Celebrant

His Excellency

Most Reverend Roy Edward Campbell Jr.

Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

Homilist

Reception to follow in Marian Hall Please call 901-373-1209 or

Email lorena.monge@cc.cdom.org to RSVP by October 5th

THE RED MASS

The Red Mass enjoys a rich history. Originating centuries ago in Rome, Paris and London, its name derives from the traditional red color of the vestments worn by celebrants of the Mass, representing tongues of fire symbolizing the presence of the Holy Spirit. Over the centuries, the Red Mass marked the official opening of the judicial year of the Sacred Roman Rota, the Tribunal of the Holy See. During the reign of Louis IX, Saint Louis of France, La Sainte Chapelle in Paris was designated as the chapel for the Mass and is now used only once during the year, solely for the Red Mass. In England, judges and lawyers have attended the Red Mass annually at Westminster Cathedral. In 1928, old Saint Andrew's Church in New York City inaugurated the tradition in the United States. Since then, the Red Mass has been celebrated annually there and in many cities across the United States of America.

The first Red Mass was celebrated in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968 and was sponsored by the Saint Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Guild of West Tennessee. The Red Mass is traditionally held on the Sunday before the first Monday in October, to coincide with the new term of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judges, lawyers, diplomats, public officials, law faculty, students, graduates and people of all faiths are invited to attend the Mass so as to invoke God's blessing and guidance on the administration of justice.