

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, STAFF, AND FRIENDS
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE ANNUAL "RED MASS" IN WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD OF NEW YORK

THE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED BY

THE REVEREND THOMAS E. COLLINS
President, Archbishop Stepinac High School
White Plains, New York

at

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
148 Hamilton Avenue
(Between Grove Street & North Lexington Avenue)
White Plains, New York

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

LAWYERS AND MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
OF ALL FAITHS AND THEIR FAMILIES
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

THE RED MASS

The Red Mass is a solemn Mass invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the deliberations of the Courts and on the endeavors of all members of the legal profession and law enforcement. Tradition holds that it came to be called "Red" symbolizing the scriptural "Tongues of Fire" descent of the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

This venerable custom began in Europe in the 13th century. From the time of Edward I, the Mass was offered at Westminster Abbey at the opening of Michaelmas Term. Similar celebrations are held in Paris and Rome.

In the New World, the practice was instituted by the Guild of Catholic Lawyers of the Archdiocese of New York in 1928, with Patrick Cardinal Hayes presiding. It provides a unique opportunity for the legal profession to seek the special gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, and fortitude.