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Miami Catholic Lawyers Guild Hosts Annual Red Mass to be Celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 12:00 PM

Miami, FL. -- April 8, 2013 -- The Miami Catholic Lawyers Guild, led by a board of diverse Catholic lawyers, is once again pleased to announce the celebration of the Red Mass at 12 Noon on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at Gesù Catholic Church, 118 N.E. 2nd Street, in downtown Miami. The Most Reverend Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami, will be the main celebrant at the Mass. Attendees expected at the Mass include state and federal judges, elected officials, attorneys, and others involved with the legal profession. *The Red Mass and the reception following are free of charge to attendees and open to the public.*

After the Mass, the Guild will host a reception, attended by Archbishop Wenski, in Gesù's Hurtak Hall. *The reception will honor Judge Beatrice Butchko of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, the 2013 recipient of the Guild's "Lex Christi, Lex Amoris" award.*

The Red Mass is a historical tradition within the Catholic Church, dating back to the Thirteenth Century. The celebrants were comprised of lawyers, judges and government officials who would proceed into church donning red vestments or garments -- hence the name, Red Mass

-- which signify the fire of the Holy Spirit, whose guidance is sought for all who pursue justice in their daily lives. The Red Mass is celebrated yearly in dioceses throughout the United States.

Miami Catholic Lawyers Guild is a non-profit corporation dedicated to 1) fostering spiritual growth and fellowship among Catholic lawyers, judges, law students and other involved with the legal profession; 2) enhancing appreciation for and observance of ethical standards in the practice of law; 3) encouraging attentiveness among legal practitioners to the weightier matters of the law – justice, mercy and faith; that our competence in secular disciplines may serve to promote human dignity and the common good, to the glory of God.

The Guild continues to experience impressive growth and to pursue its mission of generating good will within the legal profession. The list of supporting members has increased and there are frequent inquiries from legal professionals showing interest in membership. Miami Catholic Lawyers Guild is led by a board of diverse Catholic lawyers and their spiritual director, Father Eduardo “Eddy” Alvarez, S.J., Pastor of Gesù Catholic Church.

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