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Bishop John Barres to Receive *Monsignor Paul J. Taggart St. Thomas More Award*

The St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Wilmington has announced that Bishop John Barres of the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania will receive the Monsignor Paul J. Taggart St. Thomas More Award at the Society's Annual Dinner, to be held on May 15, 2011.

The Monsignor Paul J. Taggart St. Thomas Award is given to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to community service, who possess personal qualities worthy of emulation, and whose leadership in his/her field and in society at large is recognized by peers and members of the community.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the **Greenville Country Club on Sunday, May 15, 2011.** Cocktails will begin at 5:00 p.m. (cash bar) and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$85.00 for members and \$95.00 for non-members.

Bishop Barres is a graduate of Phillips Academy (Andover), Princeton University (BA in English Literature), and the New York University Graduate School of Business Administration (MBA in Management). His theological education includes an STB and an STL in Systematic Theology from the Catholic University of America (where he received seminary formation at Theological College), and a JCL in Canon Law and an STD in Spiritual theology from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome. His 1999 doctoral dissertation is entitled *Jean-Jacques Olier's Priestly Spirituality: Mental Prayer and Virtue as the Foundation for the Direction of Souls*.

Bishop Barres was baptized by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in 1960 while his father was working for the Bishop at the Propagation of the

Faith in New York City. He was ordained to the priesthood October 21, 1989 by Bishop Robert E. Mulvee of Wilmington (now Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Providence). He served as an associate pastor at two parishes from 1989 to 1996. After further study in Rome (1996-1999) with residence at the Pontifical North American College (Casa Santa Maria), he served as Vice-Chancellor (1999-2000) and then Chancellor (2000-2009) for Bishop Michael Saltarelli and then Bishop W. Francis Malooly.

Pope John Paul II named him a "Chaplain to His Holiness" in July 2000 with the title of "Monsignor." Pope Benedict XVI named him a "Prelate of Honor" in November 2005. In addition to serving on various diocesan boards and committees in Wilmington, Bishop Barres has served on the Administrative Board of the Maryland Catholic Conference (Annapolis, MD), the Board of St. Francis Hospital (Wilmington, Delaware), and the Board of the Cathedral Foundation (Baltimore, MD).

Bishop Barres was ordained a Bishop and installed as the fourth Bishop of Allentown by His Eminence, Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown on July 30, 2009. (www.AllentownDiocese.org)

Notre Dame Professor Kathleen Sprows Cummings to Speak

Kathleen Sprows Cummings, Assistant Professor of American Studies at the University of Notre Dame will speak on "Citizen-Saints: American Catholics and Canonization" at the Spring 2011 *Archbishop Edmund J. Fitzsimmons Memorial Lecture*. The lecture will be held on **Thursday, April 14th at Theatre N in the**

Nemours Building, located at 1007 Orange Street. A light reception at 6:00 p.m. precedes the lecture, which is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Delaware. It is free and open to the public.

She is also the Associate Director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, and she holds concurrent appointments in the departments of history and theology. Her teaching and research interests include the history of women and American religion and the study of U.S. Catholicism. Her first book, *New Women of the Old Faith: Gender and American Catholicism in the Progressive Era*, appeared last year with the University of North Carolina Press. At present Cummings is working on a new book, *Citizen Saints: Catholics and Canonization in American Culture*. Cummings received an NEH Fellowship to support work on this project during the academic year 2010-11.

New Attorney Social – Summer 2011 at Kelly’s Logan House at 5:30 P.M.

The Society will be hosting its 4th Annual New Attorney Social to welcome new attorneys to the Delaware Legal Community and to introduce them to the St. Thomas More Legal Society of the Diocese of Wilmington. Additional details of the event will be forthcoming as the time of the event nears. A complimentary reception will be provided. The event is free and open to men and women of all faiths.

Membership Renewal Time

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For additional Information on Events and the History of the St. Thomas More Society, please visit our website at: www.STMS-Wilmington.org

Red Mass - October 3rd, 2011 at St. Ann’s Church at 6:00 P.M.

The 24th Annual Red Mass, sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society, will be held at **6:00 P.M. on Monday, October 3, 2011 at St. Ann’s Church, 2103 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware**. Dinner will be provided in the Church Hall following the Mass, compliments of Morris James, LLP.

The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of Wilmington, who will preside over the Mass said “The Red Mass reminds our lawyers and justices – and all of us – that we are to clearly live out our faith and its values in the public forum. Our public service is a direct imitation of Jesus who was the Servant of all. I look forward to recommitting myself as we celebrate this year’s Red Mass.”

The Red Mass refers to a Mass celebrated annually in the Roman Catholic Church for judges, prosecutors, attorneys, law school professors, students and government officials. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on the God-given power and responsibility of everyone in the legal profession. The Red Mass is now celebrated annually on or near the first Monday in October when the United States Supreme Court convenes its annual session.

For anyone in the legal community interested in singing at the Red Mass, please contact Dick Kirk at rkirk@bayardlaw.com or at (302) 429-4208.

Prayer for Fervor in Thinking of God

O Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love for you.

Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you, your grace, and your tender compassion toward us.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

--St. Thomas More