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Dear Fellow Catholic Lawyer:

The CLS Board of Directors hopes you have had a refreshing and relaxing Summer! With the approach of the school year and its many scheduled events, I would like to inform you of our calendar to date and provide a few important announcements.

On behalf of the Board and Membership we extend our gratitude and appreciation to Elizabeth Zatina for her years of service as Communications Secretary. Liz has been a great asset to the Society and her talents will be missed. Thanks Liz, for all your hard work!

On a related note, we also extend a warm welcome to new Board Members Audrey Monaghan, Christopher Bernard and Saulius Polteraitis. Congratulations and we look forward to your service on the CLS Board.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Catholic Lawyers Society is a special interest bar association consisting of lawyers, judges and law students committed to advancing Members' spiritual growth, promoting high ethical principles within the legal profession and addressing social and moral challenges within our society, through works of charity, mercy and justice, following the example of Jesus Christ.*

I am pleased to report that we have successfully participated in and/or sponsored several events. Those include:

- **Focus: HOPE Service Project;** In partnership with the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers CLS families and friends packed a record number of food boxes for the needy.
- **CLS Annual Family Picnic;** Held at the Gross Pointe Shores Municipal Park and included Mass celebrated by Rev. David Mastrangelo, S.J. with picnic and barbeque thereafter. A great time was had by all.
- **Third Thursday Mass;** We have continued our Mass Series at SS Peter and Paul Jesuit Church which includes a light lunch and an opportunity to connect with other Members. This event will be ongoing throughout the year.

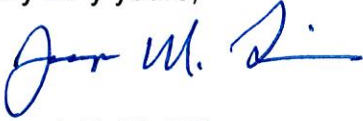
There are several important events approaching which we hope you will consider attending. Although you may have already received an e-mail notification, I am including the dates as a reminder and personal invitation from the Board for your attendance:

- **Red Mass;** Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at noon at SS Peter and Paul Jesuit Church on Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, Michigan. This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with other Members and reflect on our duties to the community as Catholic Lawyers.
- **Mass for Commerce;** Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Major Seminary Chapel. Please join in celebrating the growth of Detroit's business, professional and spiritual life within its Catholic community.
- **The Catholic Lawyers Men's Retreat;** October 23-25, 2009 at Manresa. The Ignatian silent retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and lasts until the closing Mass and Papal Blessing around noon on Sunday. The Catholic Lawyers have been participating in this weekend retreat for over 70 years. Fr. Tom Ryan will be the retreat director this year. There is no set fee for attending the retreat; all contributions are strictly free-will offerings. More information is available at [http://www.manresa-sj.org/745\\_Sept-Oct.htm#oct5](http://www.manresa-sj.org/745_Sept-Oct.htm#oct5).

Other events will be announced as the Board reconvenes in September. Please look for e-mails from Chris Bernard for upcoming events. It is likely we will continue our tradition of an Advent Evening of reflection. I expect a date in early December will be selected as in years past. If you would like to assist in any of these events or have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me directly. We welcome all volunteers!

I look forward to the upcoming term as your President. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve the Board and Membership. My goal is to continue the high standard of excellence established by prior leadership in the furtherance of the Mission of the Catholic Lawyers Society. May God bless you and your family.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe M. McGill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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