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May 1, 2009

Dear Fellow Catholic Lawyer:

On April 26, 2009, the CLS Board conducted its Annual Meeting at St. Johns Conference and Retreat Center. The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Monsignor Malloy Lifetime Achievement Award to Cardinal Adam Maida and the conferring of the Essay Scholarship Award to Loyola High School student Rafael Clay. We received many compliments about this event and by all accounts it was a huge success.

Congratulations are in order to Board Members Patricia Rossi-Galvin, Joseph Shannon and the Honorable Paul Teranes for their re-election to the CLS Board of Directors. We look forward to the benefit of their continued excellent contributions and counsel.

Since my last formal communication, we have successfully participated in and/or sponsored several events. Those include:

- St. Al's Service Day with the Homeless.
- Lenten Evening of Reflection at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.
- Continued Third Thursday Mass/Speaker Series at SS Peter and Paul Jesuit Church. This event has been co-sponsored by the St. Thomas Moore Society Chapter at the University of Detroit Mercy. Thus far, we have featured U.S. Attorney Terrence Berg and former Chief of Police for the City of Detroit, Ike McKinnon as speakers for the Series.

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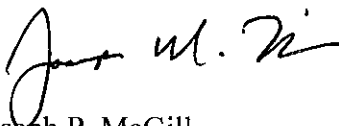
There are several important events approaching which we hope you will consider attending. Although you may have already received an e-mail notification, I am including the dates as a reminder and personal invitation from the Board for your attendance:

- Focus:HOPE Service Project on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Join family, friends and other members in packing boxes for the needy.
- CLS Annual Family Picnic, Sunday July 26, 2009. Mass will commence at 1:00 p.m. with picnic and barbeque to follow thereafter. Expect more details on this event soon.
- Red Mass on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at noon at SS Peter and Paul Jesuit Church on Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, Michigan. This is wonderful opportunity to mingle with other Members and reflect on our duties to the community as Catholic Lawyers.
- Mass for Commerce on 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.
- Third Thursday Monthly Mass Celebration is continuing at SS Peter and Paul Jesuit Church in Detroit. The Mass commences at 11:40 a.m. and a lite lunch at noon follows.

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, of course, welcome new and experienced volunteers!

It has been a blessing for me to be graced with the privilege to serve as your President. It is my sincere hope that I am meeting your expectations in leading this venerable organization. May God bless you and your family.

Very truly yours,



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