

# ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS

The Society will also cooperate with other associations of lawyers and jurists and other Catholic organizations throughout the world.

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*“Lawyers must  
stand up and  
witness our  
faith so that  
the truth and  
justice we  
profess will be  
our legacy.”*

*Cardinal  
Anthony  
Bevilacqua*



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## THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC LAWYERS SOCIETY

*Integrating faith and  
beliefs into the practice  
of law*

# An Invitation ...

You are invited to join The International Catholic Lawyers Society, a non-profit membership association of Catholic lawyers and jurists.

As lawyers and jurists we are called to serve our clients and the community. As persons

we must balance the demands of our professional lives against our obligations to our families, to society, and to God. As Catholics, we are called upon to deepen our faith through study, participation in the liturgy and sacraments, and to support

the spiritual and temporal efforts of the Church. We are called to follow the example of St. Thomas More who loved his family deeply, gave himself totally in the defense of the faith, and remained always a humble servant of God.

The Society was established on June 18, 2004, the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, to enlist Catholic lawyers and jurists worldwide in a coordinated program of service to Church and community. The Society also serves the unique educational and spiritual needs of its members by bringing the splendor of the teachings of the Catholic Church into their personal and professional lives.



## OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

- Provide a forum through which Catholic lawyers and jurists worldwide come to a fuller understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church and are helped to integrate Catholic faith and beliefs into their individual vocations as lawyers and jurists.
- Foster and encourage the study and application of Catholic social teaching and Catholic principles of morality and ethics in the legal profession.
- Inform Catholic lawyers and jurists about Catholic ecclesiastical laws and the magisterial teachings of the Church as they relate to the nature and practice of civil law.
- Foster an understanding of the importance of natural law concepts in the development of law and the administration of justice.
- Make the Catholic legal tradition culturally present in our time.



## LEGAL SERVICES

The Society will identify Catholic lawyers who are willing to offer their legal services, on a pro bono basis where appropriate and practicable to the Church, its bishops, priests, religious orders and members.

The Society and its members are committed to safeguard and protect the civil and religious rights of the Catholic Church, its bishops, priests, religious orders and members, and will participate, as appropriate, in activities and in legal proceedings in furtherance of these declared purposes.

## SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH

In association with The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, its School of Canon Law, and other Catholic institutions, the Society will provide access to scholarly and applied legal research for Catholic lawyers, jurists and others who wish to learn the position of the Catholic Church on specific legal issues they face in their daily lives and in their practice of law. It will also support scholarship, research and publication of works on Catholic issues relevant to the law.

*"Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person."*

*John Paul II*