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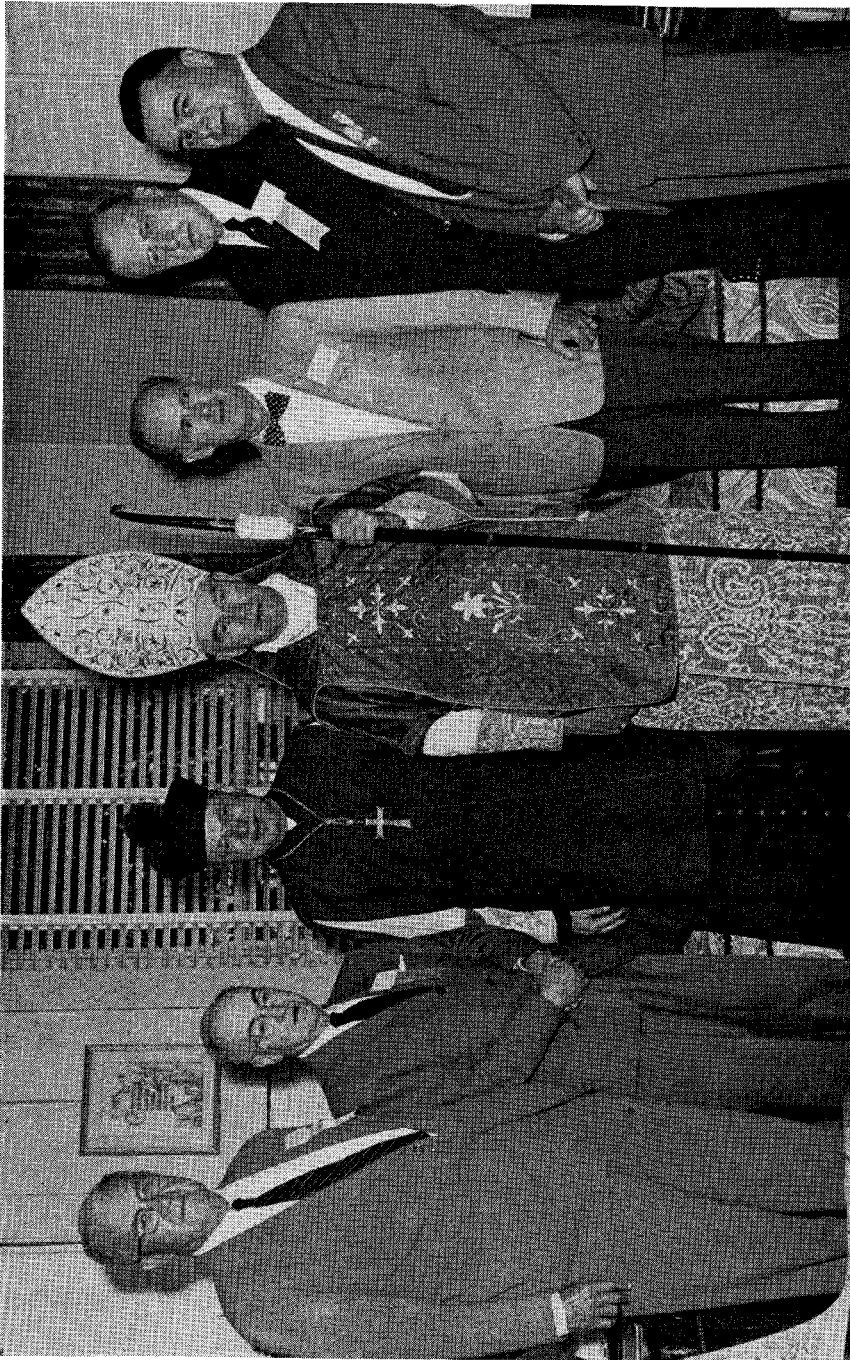
# THE RED MASS-1956

**T**HE SEVENTY-NINTH Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association was held in Dallas, Texas from August 27 to August 31. On Sunday, August 26, a Red Mass, sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society of the Dallas-Fort Worth Diocese, was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral for the delegates to the Convention, their families and friends. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Thomas K. Gorman, D.D., D.Sc.H., was the celebrant at the Solemn Pontifical Mass and His Excellency, the Most Reverend Robert J. Dwyer, D.D., Ph.D., Bishop of Reno, preached the sermon.

In his sermon, Bishop Dwyer noted that the challenge to the Catholic lawyer of today is "whether the revolt against law as wisdom, against law as reason is in any sense justified."

You assume, on the basis of all that you have been taught, and of all that you have tested in your own experience, that the law of God is immutable and that the laws of men are intended to be rational. But your casual assumption that these things are so is not enough. You live in a world and you work in a society where these things, more and more openly, are called into question and even bluntly denied. There is little to give assurance in the teaching of the philosophy of law as expounded in many of our schools, not much to hope for from those whose attitude toward the profession is chiefly distinguished by the hope of speedy financial reward. What is needed is a genuine apostolate for the Christian concept of law as reason and as wisdom.

May I urge you, over and above the conscientious fulfillment of your professional duties, to undertake a serious, thorough-going restudy of the foundations of the law, divine, natural, and human, as the necessary preparation for such an apostolate. Believe me, if you do not undertake it, it will be thrust upon you; there is no escaping it. May I suggest that this is as grave an obligation as is imposed upon you, whether as Christians or as Americans dedicated to the vindication of true liberty, which rests upon those seven pillars which wisdom has hewed out for her house. It is a charge at once patriotic and religious, your reasonable service to your country and your God.



*Red Mass 1956, Dallas, Texas. Associate Justice Harry Heher of the Supreme Court of New Jersey; Chief Justice Roger I. McDonough of the Supreme Court of Utah; Bishop Robert J. Dwyer of Reno, who delivered the sermon; Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, celebrant of the Mass; Chief Justice Edmund W. Flynn of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island; Chief Judge Albert Conway of the New York Court of Appeals; Mr. Charles Webster of Dallas, president of the St. Thomas More Society.*

THE CELEBRATION of the Red Mass has also taken place or will take place in the following cities:

*Baltimore, Maryland.* Date: Oct. 11, 1956; Sponsor: Catholic Members of American Bar Association, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting.

*Bridgeport, Connecticut.* Date: Sept. 17, 1956; Place: St. Augustine's Cathedral; Celebrant: Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Hayes; His Excellency, Most Reverend Lawrence J. Shehan, presiding; Preacher: Reverend Francis D. McKenna; Sponsor: Catholic Lawyers Guild of Bridgeport.

*Boston, Massachusetts.* Date: Sept. 29, 1956; Place: Church of St. Ignatius; Celebrant: Reverend R. N. Maxwell, S.J.; His Excellency, Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, presiding; Preacher: Reverend John Courtney Murray, S.J.; Sponsor: Boston College Law School.

*Brooklyn, New York.* Date: Sept. 19, 1956; Place: St. Charles Borromeo Church; Celebrant: His Excellency Most Reverend Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn; Preacher: Right Reverend Monsignor Robert J. White; Sponsor: Catholic Lawyers Guild of Brooklyn.

*Camden, New Jersey.* Date: Nov. 25, 1956; Place: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; Celebrant: Right Reverend Monsignor Augustine T. Mozier, P.A.; Preacher: Reverend Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M., B.A., LL.B., LL.M.

*Chicago, Illinois.* Date: Oct. 14, 1956; Place: Holy Name Cathedral; Celebrant: Reverend Donald John F. McGinness, D.S.B., LL.B.; His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, presiding; Preacher: Right Reverend Monsignor Stephen E. McMahan, LL.B., J.D.;

Sponsor: Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago.

*Cincinnati, Ohio.* Date: January, 1957.

*Dallas, Texas.* Date: April 15, 1956; Place: Sacred Heart Cathedral; Celebrant and Preacher: His Excellency, Most Reverend Stephen A. Leven, D.D., Ph.D.; Sponsor: Catholic Members of Inter-American Bar Association.

*Fort Wayne, Indiana.* Date: May 20, 1956; Celebrant and Preacher: His Excellency, Most Reverend Leo A. Pursley, D.D.

*Joliet, Illinois.* Date: Sept. 30, 1956.

*Madison, Wisconsin.* Date: June 21, 1956; Place: St. Raphael Cathedral; Celebrant: Monsignor Theodore F. Thome; Preacher: His Excellency, Most Reverend William P. O'Connor, Bishop of Madison.

*New Orleans, Louisiana.* Preacher: Reverend William J. Kenealy, S.J.

*New York, New York.* Date: Oct. 14, 1956; Place: St. Patrick's Cathedral; Celebrant: His Excellency, Most Reverend Philip J. Furlong; His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presiding; Preacher: Very Reverend John J. Dougherty, S.T.L., S.S.D.; Sponsor: Guild of Catholic Lawyers of New York.

*Newark, New Jersey.* Date: Sept. 23, 1956; Celebrant: His Excellency, Most Reverend Thomas A. Boland, Archbishop of Newark; Preacher: Reverend Edward A. Synan, Ph.D.; Sponsor: Catholic Lawyers Guild of Newark.

*Notre Dame, Indiana.*

*Paterson, New Jersey.* Date: Oct. 11, 1956; Place: St. John's Cathedral; Celebrant: Right Reverend Monsignor William F. Louis; Preacher: His Excellency, Most Reverend James A. McNulty, D.D., pre-

siding; Sponsor: Catholic Lawyers Guild of Paterson.

*Portland, Maine.* Date: Oct. 7, 1956; Place: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; Celebrant: His Excellency, Most Reverend Daniel J. Feeny, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Portland; Preacher: Right Reverend Monsignor Robert J. White.

*Rochester, New York.* Date: Sept. 12, 1956; Place: St. Joseph's Church; Celebrant: His Excellency, Most Reverend James E. Kearney; Preacher: Reverend Joseph L. Hogan, S.T.D.

*St. Louis, Missouri.* Date: Oct. 5, 1956; Place: Church of St. Louis of France (Old Cathedral); Celebrant: His Excellency, Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter; Preacher: Very Reverend Monsignor Nicholas E. Persich, C.M.

*San Antonio, Texas.*

*San Francisco, California.* Date: October

17, 1956; Place: St. Mary's Cathedral; His Excellency, Most Reverend John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, presiding; Preacher: His Excellency, Most Reverend John Scanlan, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Honolulu, T. H.

*San Juan, Puerto Rico.* Date: Sept. 2, 1956; Celebrant: His Excellency, Most Reverend James P. Davis, Bishop of San Juan; Sponsor: Asociación de Abogados Católicos.

*Worcester, Massachusetts.* Date: May 19, 1956; Place: St. Paul's Cathedral; Celebrant: Right Reverend Monsignor John F. Gannon; Preacher: His Excellency, Most Reverend John J. Wright, D.D., Bishop of Worcester.

*Yonkers, New York.* Date: Sept. 26, 1956; Place: Church of the Immaculate Conception; Preacher: Monsignor John C. Dougherty; Sponsor: Catholic Members of Yonkers Lawyers Association.

