



You are invited to attend and participate in the Annual Red Mass!

The annual Red Mass for the Diocese of Sacramento will be held on **Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 5 p.m.** Co-Adjutor Bishop Jaime Soto will be our homilist and celebrant at the magnificently restored Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in downtown Sacramento.

The Diocese of Sacramento and the Saint Thomas More Society, Sacramento, an independent organization of Catholic lawyers in the Sacramento area and an affiliate of the Sacramento County Bar Association, will co-sponsor the Mass for attorneys, judges, elected and appointed officials and all those working in the legal system or involved in the process of government in the five-county Sacramento region.

There is no cost associated with attending the Red Mass; everyone (Catholics and non-Catholics) is invited.

The venerable tradition of a Red Mass has its roots in 13th century England, where it was offered at Westminster Abbey at the opening of the Michaelmas term. It received its name from the fact that the celebrant was vested in red and the Lord High justices were robed in brilliant scarlet. The Red Mass is offered to invoke divine guidance and strength during the coming term of Court. It is celebrated in honor of the Holy Spirit as the source of wisdom, understanding, counsel and fortitude, gifts which shine forth preeminently in the dispensing of justice in the courtroom as well as in each law practice.



The Diocese of Sacramento is sponsoring a dinner following the Mass at the Sutter Club, in which **Rita Spillane** will receive the 2008 St. Thomas More Catholic Attorney award.

For dinner reservations or more information, please contact Jessica Miller at 916-753-1300 or jmm@sweeney-greene.com.