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The Catholic Lawyers Guild to Honor Mario C. Ciano and Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA, at Annual Red Mass

The Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of Cleveland will be hosting its annual Red Mass for all members of the legal profession at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland, on Friday, October 18, 2019, at 10:30 A.M. After the Mass, a luncheon will follow at Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center, 127 Public Square.

During the luncheon, the Cleveland Lawyers Guild will present the prestigious St. Thomas More Award to Mario C. Ciano, Former Managing Partner of Reminger Company, LPA. For the last 25 years, Ciano has appeared annually in the Best Lawyers in America for Defendants in Personal Injury Litigation, and he recently received the 2018 William K. Thomas Professionalism Award from the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

Ciano earned his Juris Doctor at Western Reserve University. Already a law clerk at Reminger, he was a managing partner there by 1992. He initiated and oversaw the firm’s expansion from two offices with 45 attorneys to eight offices with over 125 attorneys. Among his many honors, are his recognition as a “Leading Lawyer” by Inside Business Magazine and a “Super Lawyer” by Ohio Super Lawyers Magazine. In 2012, Best Lawyers in America named him “Lawyer of the Year” among Cleveland’s Personal Injury Litigation Defendants.

Ciano lives out his motto, “First your faith, second your family, and third your work.” He is a member of the Board of Advisors for Lake County Birthright, which helps women in crisis pregnancies, has shared the Gospel with Ohio inmates as a True Freedom Ministries volunteer, and helped the poor in Africa on
several mission trips. His most rewarding service has been facilitating dozens of private placement adoptions pro-bono.

Shortly after college, Ciano married his high-school sweetheart, Connie Brunetti. They are blessed with six children and 17 grandchildren. Members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Wickliffe for over 40 years, the couple has volunteered as Pre-Cana leaders and RCIA educators.

The Cleveland Lawyers Guild will also present a Special Recognition Award to Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA, congregational leader of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA), for her extraordinary service and Catholic witness, as well as to the CSA Sisters, the Sisters of Charity Health System, and their many co-ministers for their dedication to the most vulnerable, outstanding commitment to the Roman Catholic Church, and exceptional service that they and their ministries provide for the betterment of individuals, families and communities of the greater Cleveland area. The CSAs have been serving the needy and suffering in the Cleveland area since 1851. Their health system now comprises two Catholic hospitals (one, the nationally recognized St. Vincent Charity Medical Center in Cleveland), three grantmaking foundations, two elder care facilities, and six health and human service outreach organizations in Ohio and South Carolina.

The final presentation at the luncheon will be the Martin T. Galvin Memorial Scholarship to St. Edward High School senior Conor O’Malley. The annual scholarship was established in 2018 in memory of the late Galvin, a Reminger partner and past president of the Cleveland Lawyers Guild, who had passed away earlier that year. It is designed to assist families of the legal community who desire a Catholic education for their children.

Tickets for the Red Mass and reception can be purchased online at www.CatholicCommunity.org/RedMass, or by contacting Colleen Rigo at 216-696-6525 x4080, crigo@catholiccommunity.org.

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