

Invitation to the Red Mass

The Rector and the Faculties of the Catholic University of America invite all the members of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia to attend the celebration of the Red Mass on Sunday, January 8, 1938, at 10:30 A. M., at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the Catholic University campus, for the opening of the session of the Congress and the courts as part of the Law School's participation in the Golden Jubilee Year of the University.

The Red Mass is an ancient custom originating in France, and was initiated by the judges who desired to invoke the aid of the divine source of Wisdom and Justice in their deliberations. The designation of the "Red Mass" was adopted because the particular petition of the Mass sought the aid of the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the flaming fire of Divine Love and Wisdom. The vestments of the priests were red, and the robes of the justices who attended were scarlet.

This custom was adopted in England several centuries ago, and has recently been inaugurated in the United States. Today the Red Mass is celebrated in a number of states, including New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and California.

Report of the Committee on Professional Conduct and Legal Ethics on the Amendments to the Canons of Professional Ethics

At the meeting of the American Bar Association held in Kansas City, Missouri, in September, 1937, the following changes were made in the Canons of Professional Ethics of the American Bar Association:

To Canon 11, which has to do with the lawyer's conduct in dealing with trust property, a new introductory sentence has been added. Its tenor is: "The lawyer should refrain from any action whereby for his personal benefit or gain he abuses or takes advantage of the confidence reposed in him by his client."

A new sentence has been added to Canon 12 which is concerned with the lawyer's conduct in fixing the amount of his fee. This new sentence reads thus: "In determining the cus-