



Most Reverend John Noonan
Bishop of Orlando
cordially invites you to the
Red Mass
June 24, 2013

12:10 p.m. Mass followed by Lunch & Awards Ceremony

St. James Cathedral
215 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando

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*The Red Mass is for members of the judiciary including judges, attorneys,
and all members of the legal profession.*

During the Red Mass, Catholics reaffirm their commitment to justice and their faith.
The name refers to the red vestments worn by the celebrants to signify the Holy Spirit.
Participants pray for wisdom as they endeavor to seek justice.



*Perfect in your honesty and love of truth,
grant that lawyers and judges may imitate you
and achieve true justice for all people.*

Prayer invoking the intercession of
St. Thomas More, Patron Saint of Lawyers



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