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We invite you to the Sixth Annual Monsignor Edward J. Ryle Memorial Mass on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Brophy Chapel, 4701 N. Central Avenue. Following the Mass we hope you will join us for a reception at the activity center next door at St. Francis Xavier Parish School where we will share information with you about two programs conceived in prior years and initiated in 2011 - the Ryle Scholar Program and the Faith Leaders Seminar series.

This year, two individuals were granted Ryle Scholarships and are currently participating in the Master of Arts Transformational Leadership program offered through the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. Both scholars, Luke Black and John Kaiser, will be attending the Annual Mass and reception. John and Luke have agreed to work in Arizona as public policy advocates after completing their program, adding to the voices of our faith communities.

The Faith Leaders seminar series has been designed to enhance and strengthen the role of local faith leaders in social justice public policy issues in the near term through education and collaboration. October marked the inaugural seminar and nine additional sessions are scheduled into 2012.

Both programs are strongly aligned with the values and actions of Msgr. Ryle, who brought a strong voice to the legislature to advocate for the poor and disadvantaged, for children and the elderly. He was known for bringing spiritual guidance and moral grounding to the public policy arena, and also for bringing the facts. He worked with all to find smart, workable solutions that would best serve the common good. What better way to honor a valued leader than to continue his legacy with the power of current faith based leadership combined with the infusion of new energy and intellect into the state?

We are also proud to introduce "The Monsignor" – a limited vintage Pinot Noir produced and bottled especially for us by Martaella Winery in Sonoma County, California. A limited number of bottles commemorating Msgr. Ryle will be available beginning December 13th. Not only will this make a great collector's item and Christmas gift, but all proceeds will benefit the Msgr. Ryle Fund. Please review the enclosed announcement and send or call in your order as soon as possible to the Ryle Fund office.

This has truly been a year of action for the Msgr. Ryle Fund. The programs noted above are important steps to furthering Msgr. Ryle's vision of a compassionate and socially just Arizona. We thank you for your contributions that have made this possible and ask for your continued support. Each scholarship has a cost of \$50,000 and each seminar series costs \$28,000. With your help we can continue to benefit these worthy programs, our state, and the memory of Msgr. Ryle.

Thank you again for your continued support of Msgr. Ryle's work and advocacy efforts. The board of directors will continue to work hard on his legacy for making wise public policy decisions that improve the lives of all our state's people. Please consider visiting our website to learn more about our Ryle Scholar and Faith Leaders programs. Contributions are tax deductible and can be mailed or made through the website (www.rylefund.org).

We look forward to seeing you on January 4, 2012. Please R.S.V.P. for the reception at 602-381-6572 or info@rylefund.org by January 2. On behalf of the board of directors and volunteers of the Msgr. Edward J. Ryle Fund, have a wonderful holiday season and a productive and healthy new year.

Sincerely,

Bette DeGraw, Ph.D.
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