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Dear Friend,

We invite you to the 5th anniversary of the annual Monsignor Edward J. Ryle Memorial Mass on Wednesday, January 5, 2011. It will be at 5:30 p.m. in Brophy Chapel, 4701 N. Central Avenue. We have also extended invitations to Governor Jan Brewer, former Governors Janet Napolitano, Jane Hull and Rose Mofford since they knew and worked with Msgr. Ryle. Following the mass we hope you will join us for a reception at the new activity center next door at St. Francis Xavier Parish School where we will announce a special program designed to honor Msgr. Ryle's legacy.

It is especially poignant to remember Msgr. Ryle during these turbulent economic times for our country and state. We know he would have been a strong voice at 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 arena of public policy, and also for bringing the facts. He worked with all to find smart, workable solutions that would best serve the common good.

During this past year the board has supported ballot propositions that will restore funding to education, health and human services and maintain funding for at-risk young children. It has worked to update our website, www.rylefund.org, monitor the Fund's assets, and most importantly design a program that would positively contribute to the public policy decisions that are being made in our state. We have titled it The Ryle Scholar Program and it will grant a scholarship to a student to do graduate work in the area of faith and public policy. The individual chosen will agree to work in Arizona as a public policy advocate, bringing the moral and ethical voices of faith communities into the conversation. You will hear more about it at the reception, so you will want to join us for this occasion.

Thank you again for your continued support of Msgr. Ryle's work and advocacy efforts, and the board of directors, for its part, will continue to work hard on his legacy for making wise public policy decisions that improve the lives of all our state's people. We invite you to visit the website and to consider making a gift to further our efforts and for our newly launched program. Contributions are tax deductible and can be mailed in the enclosed envelope. The Fund's tax number is 61-1589582.

We look forward to seeing you on January 5, 2011. Please R.S.V.P. for the reception at 602.381.6572 or info@rylefund.org by January 2, 2011. On behalf of the entire board of directors and volunteers of the Msgr. Edward J. Ryle Fund, have a blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

Sincerely,

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