



THE MONSIGNOR EDWARD J. RYLE FUND

Working for justice, dignity and the common good

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Dear Friend,

May the Light, Peace and Joy of Christmas be with you.

Wednesday, January 6, 2010 is the Monsignor Edward J. Ryle annual Memorial Mass, 5:30pm at Brophy Chapel, 4701 N Central Avenue, with a reception immediately following at the same location. Governor Jan Brewer, former Governors Janet Napolitano, Jane Hull and Rose Mofford have been invited to this Memorial Mass.

Remembering Msgr. during these turbulent economic times for our state, as we struggle with an unprecedented budget deficit, we would have looked to Msgr. for spiritual guidance, meaningful data and workable solutions that best serve the common good. He would have reminded us that budgets are moral documents and of a preferential option for the poor where they are protected first, not last, when money is short.

To this end, the volunteers that represent the Msgr. Edward Ryle Fund asked, what would be the most beneficial, what would Ed have done, in light of the effects of Arizona's worsening economy and its effects on the state's budget? Several citizen meetings were convened with representatives from diverse groups to gather problem solving ideas to help our state. Anxious and eager to contribute, as health and human service programs were being cut, the consensus from each of these meetings concluded that in order to be effective we must publicize the grave situation to a wider audience. With the expert assistance of friends of Monsignor's along with the board of directors, three large display ads were publicized in newspapers across the state addressing budget financing issues, emphasizing the need to protect services and providing viable solutions. This could not have been possible without generous contributions. These ads can be reviewed at www.rylefund.org under "Ryle Fund News." Comments were received not only from across the state but from across the country.

Thank you for your continued support of Monsignor Ryle's work and his advocacy efforts through the Institute of Public Life forums, initiatives and grants. We invite you to visit the website and to consider making a gift to further these good works for justice, dignity and the common good. Contributions are tax deductible and can be mailed or submitted online at www.rylefund.org.

We look forward to seeing you on January 6, 2010. Please make your reservations for the reception at 602.381.6572 or info@rylefund.org by January 2, 2010. On behalf of the entire board of directors and volunteers of the Monsignor Edward J. Ryle Fund, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Peace and Blessings,

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