CBA | CATHOLIC BAR ASSOCIATION

Dear Colleague:

Greetings from the Catholic Bar Association (CBA)! We are eager to work with you to continue building a network of faithful Catholic lawyers and canonists across the country. At this time, we have 10 Local Affiliates in 9 states and nearly 300 active Individual Members in 36 states. Our goal in the next five years is to double the number of our Local Affiliates to 20 and Individual Members to 600. We hope that you and your members will be an indispensable part of that effort.

Founded in 2015 as the first national general association of Catholic attorneys in the United States, the CBA is called to educate, organize, and inspire Catholic attorneys to faithfully uphold and bear witness to the Catholic Faith in their practice of the law. The CBA's vision is to equip lawyers to incorporate fundamental Catholic principles pertaining to the common good, the natural law, the protection of innocents, and care for the sick and the poor into their legal practices and to support them in their personal observance of the Faith. Now more than ever, American society needs this vision.

The Catholic Bar Association fulfills this vison by promoting: (i) Education of its Members and society at large about Catholic legal principles; (ii) Solidarity among individual Catholic attorneys and Catholic Lawyer's Guilds and Societies in their witness to the Faith; (iii) Advocacy regarding issues of particular significance to the Catholic attorney through policy statements, *amicus curiae* briefs, public comments, and other means; and (iv) Fellowship with Catholic attorneys from across the country through the CBA's Annual Conference, the CBA Membership Directory, and CBA Committee work,

The CBA's Local Affiliates play an essential role in fulfilling that vision by sponsoring educational events in their own dioceses, by forming a corps of faithful Catholic attorneys within their local bar, by articulating Catholic legal principles in their communities, and by fostering regular fellowship among their members. Starting in 2023, they will also play an important part in the CBA's governance through the Local Affiliates Committee and their participation in the nomination and election of 3 Local Affiliate Directors to the Catholic Bar Association's Board.

The attached package of materials contains the following items necessary to your affiliation with the CBA:

1. Affiliation Checklist;
2. Local Affiliate Application;
3. Local Affiliate Charter Agreement;
4. Pattern Request for Episcopal Approval; and
5. Individual Member Application.

Please call me if you have any questions; I can be reached at (210) 829-1551. I look forward to working with you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Peter H. Wickersham
Immediate Past President
And Membership Chair