

## **2010 Seminary Award**

**Knights of Columbus Receive the Archbishop John J. Williams Award**

**On December 4, in the presence of Bishops Arthur Kennedy and Daniel Reilly, the Knights of Columbus received the 2010 Archbishop John J. Williams Award for significant service to Saint John's Seminary. The Knights accomplish many wonderful works, and their persistent support for Saint John's Seminary and for our seminarians are shining examples of their tireless efforts on behalf of the Church.**

**It is fitting to reflect on the award commemorating the memory of our founder, Archbishop John J. Williams. In 1884, the graceful faith and persistence of Archbishop Williams, in the face of constant social and cultural opposition in Boston to the growth of the Church, was joined to the enormous courage of Abbé Hogan, who had excelled even among the persecution of the Church in the century after the French Revolution. The Abbé wrote in one of his essays intended to encourage young priests to follow Christ and to serve His people:**

**What else is the life of a priest, if he be true to his calling? His time, his energies, his influence, all his gifts, belong to the great purpose for which he became a priest. Like St. Paul, he is ready to give his very life for it: "*I most gladly will spend, and be spent myself, for your souls.*" - 2 Cor. xxi. 15. 15. (From *Daily Thoughts*, p.119)**

**It is, then, proper for us to thank God for the good work of our founder, Archbishop Williams, for that of Abbé Hogan, and in a particular way for the dedication and support of the Knights of Columbus, as we honor and continue to grow the work of Saint John's Seminary.**

**In a particular way, the Seminary extends its profound gratitude to the Massachusetts Council of the Knights of Columbus. Your friendship, support and presence sustain our work every day. As Abbé Hogan exhorted men to give their all to their calling as priests, so our supporters give their all to allow us the great privilege of guiding the formation of the men Christ has called to His holy priesthood.**



**Supreme Advocate John Marrella and State Deputy Michael Baldner receive Archbishop Williams Award from Rector Bishop Arthur Kennedy.**

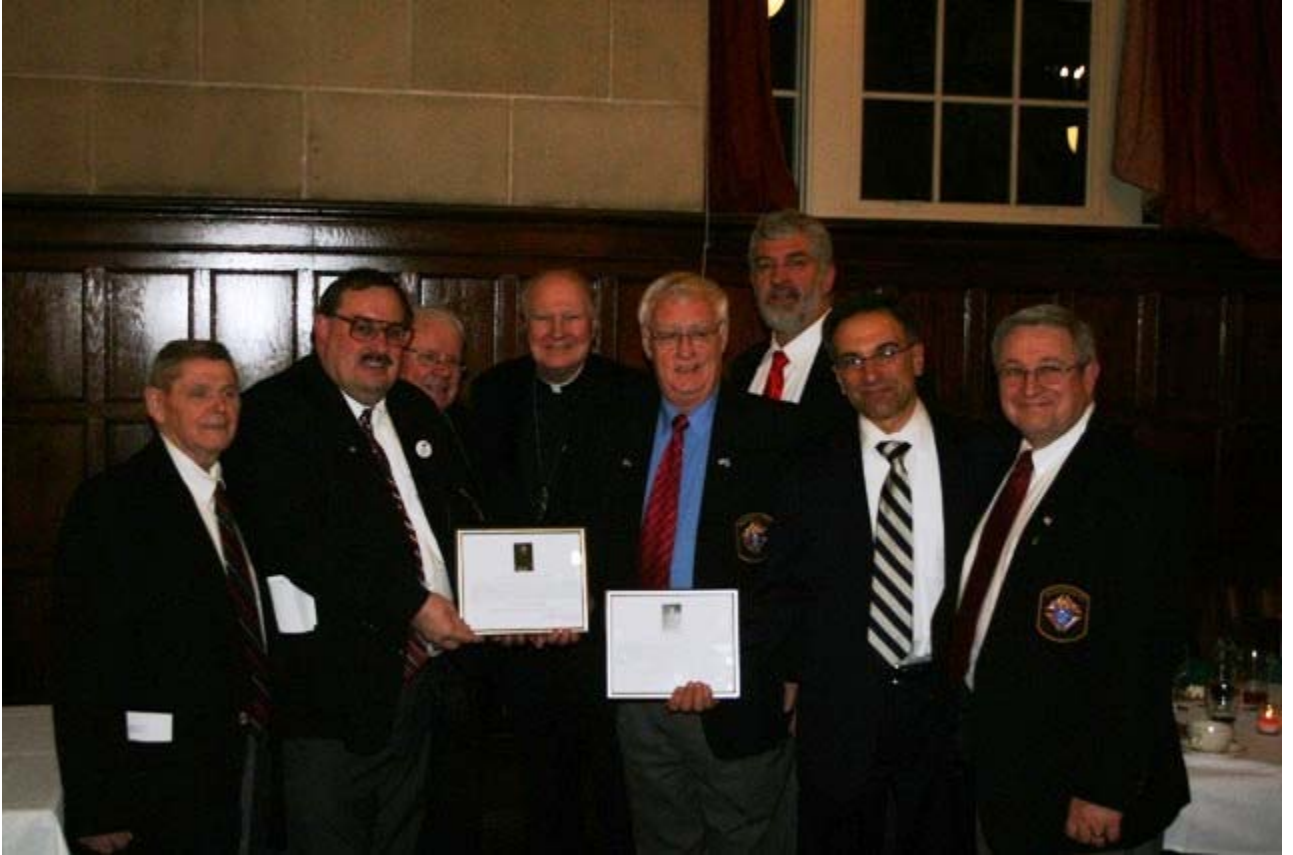


**Supreme Advocate John Marrella, Rector Bishop Arthur Kennedy and State Deputy Michael Baldner.**



**State Deputy with Past State Deputies Holding Archbishop Williams Award.**

**L->R PSDs Vincent Rumasuglia, Richard Guerriero,  
Thomas Ledbetter with State Deputy Michael Baldner**



**State Deputy with State Board**

**L->R: State Treasurer Tom McGinn, State Secretary Peter Healy, Rector Bishop Arthur Kennedy, State Chaplain Bishop Daniel Reilly, State Deputy Michael Baldner, State Advocate Russell Steinbach, Supreme Advocate John Marrella, State Warden Paul O'Sullivan.**

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