

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA



Memo

Date: July 15, 2019

To: Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, Parish Secretaries and Bulletin Editors

From: Paula Gwynn Grant, Director, Office of Communications

Re: Annual Blue Mass Honoring All Public Safety Officials and First Responders – September 11, 2019

The Archdiocese of Atlanta will celebrate its annual Blue Mass for all public safety officials and first responders at 10:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019** at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta. Bishop Joel M. Konzen, S.M. will be the celebrant.

In the United States, the Blue Mass tradition began in 1934, when Father Thomas Dade of the Archdiocese of Baltimore formed the Catholic Police and Fireman's Society, and celebrated the first Blue Mass for police officers and firemen that year.

Please consider placing the following announcement in your bulletin and newsletters.

Annual Blue Mass on September 11, 2019: The Archdiocese of Atlanta will have the annual Blue Mass for all public safety officials and first responders at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to attend the Mass to pray and show appreciation for those who serve and protect the public.