



13 Ministries of Catholic Charities

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You are cordially invited to

The 2nd Annual

Hands of Christ Gala

Together, we are the hands of Christ in the World.

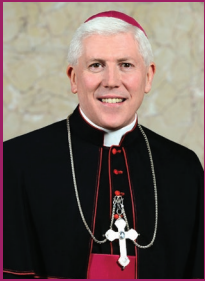
A fundraising dinner event to benefit the 13 ministries of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Toledo.

Thursday, October 23, 2025

The Premier | 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd. | Toledo, OH 43614



The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas



The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas was named Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo by Pope Francis on August 26, 2014. He previously served under Pope John Paul II for 15 years as an Official of the Congregation for Bishops at the Holy See, Vatican City State, and as an Adjunct Spiritual Director at the Pontifical North American College Seminary, in Rome, Italy. Bishop Thomas

currently serves as Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Pro-Life Activities Committee.

Giancarlo Bernini



Using Magic to Understand the Mystery of Faith

Award-winning magician Giancarlo Bernini applies the art of illusion to captivate audiences nationwide. With a degree in Religious Studies, he shares a unique perspective of his Catholic faith intertwined with mind-blowing magical experiences.

Giancarlo has served as a keynote presenter for top companies including Samsung, Google and Chick-fil-A.

Event Schedule

5:45 PM – Doors Open

6:45 PM – Dinner Program

Honorees – Hands of Christ Award Recipients

James Meads of Toledo

Thomas & Teresa Sloma of Sandusky

Special Guest Speaker

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

Feature Presentation

Giancarlo Bernini, Magician

Dinner Menu

Chicken Piccata

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Key West Mixed Vegetables

Garden Salad and Homemade Rolls

Dessert and Coffee

Cash Bar

Dietary Restrictions Contact: Jennifer Lippus at

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