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Dear Friends,

Catholic Television of San Antonio, CTSA, is privileged to honor Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan with the annual St. John Vianney Award presented by Catholic Life Insurance at the 2012 CTSA Leadership Luncheon Tuesday, February 21 at the DoubleTree Hotel on Loop 410 and McCullough. This event will celebrate CTSA'S three decades of ministry. Bishop Flanagan has faithfully served as a priest of the Archdiocese of San Antonio since 1956. He was ordained auxiliary bishop in February of 1998.

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed 2009/2010 as the "Year for Priests". In his proclamation, the Holy Father said that priests are called to be "present, identifiable and recognizable-for their judgement of faith and their personal virtues." St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, is the patron of parish priests. It is in that spirit that Catholic Life Insurance initiated the St. John Vianney award.

Bishop Flanagan's life as a parish priest, pastor, and bishop has been defined by his presence in the lives of people at times when they are most in need of the compassion and love of Jesus Christ. He served in eight parishes, and continues to provide leadership and inspiration to the Knights of Columbus at the local and state level, the ACTS community, Charismatic Movement of the Archdiocese, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, and many other ministries.

His broad smile, joyous laughter, and gentle presence has provided a spirit-filled role model for his brother priests and those who serve with him in the archdiocese. His energetic collaboration with the interfaith community in a variety of initiatives throughout the years has lead to the esteem and respect of many people of faith and good will.

I am writing to invite your financial support of this special event with the purchase of a sponsorship, helping us to honor Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan and recognize a distinguished group of "CTSA Pioneers" whose vision and faithful service brought Catholic Television into being 30 years ago on what was then UA Columbia Cable. This year's recipients of the CTSA Media Excellence Award include: **Archbishop Emeritus Patrick F. Flores, Bishop Emeritus John W. Yanta, Msgr. Lawrence J. Stuebben, Sister Charlene Wedelich, CDP, Father Daniel Hennesy, Mr. Brian Wallace, Mr. Homer Villarreal, Mr. Richard Hemberger.** We will also be honoring **Time Warner Cable** for the role the cable industry in San Antonio has played in a unique relationship.

With your continued generous support, prayers and participation we will realize the promise of service that came to life because of those amazing visionaries, our CTSA Pioneers. I am pleased to offer you this unique opportunity to stand alongside us as we honor and thank these remarkable individuals.

Sincerely,

Veronica Escobedo
CTSA Leadership Luncheon Chair