

The Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of Cleveland presents **a one-hour CLE:**

Antisemitism and the First Amendment

This presentation examines the origins of antisemitism and its relationship to Christianity, especially as the Church's stand against anti-Judaism and antisemitism became explicitly recognized in Vatican II's document, *Nostra Aetate*. It is important to understand the evolution of the church's relationship with the Jewish community to allow Catholic lawyers to better serve their clients with professionalism, sensitivity and compassion. The resurgence of antisemitism, especially on college campuses, has given rise to various hate crimes and has prompted different administrative responses, some of which challenge a proper understanding of First Amendment rights. This presentation will expound on the rationale behind hate crimes and explain the parameters of First Amendment rights.

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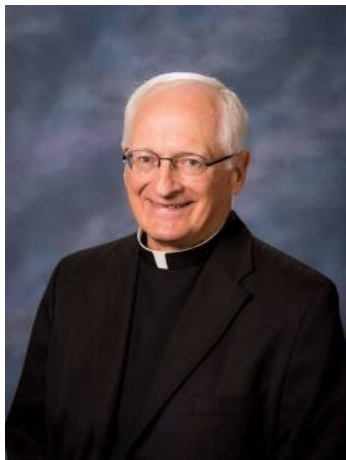
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Presented by Fr. Gerald Bednar, J.D., Ph.D.

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

Wednesday, June 26, 2024



Schedule:

5:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost for the intention of the deceased Lawyers Guild members.

5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Arrival, Registration and Supper
Lower Level Diocesan Offices

6:30 p.m. Welcome and Annual Meeting

6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CLE with 15 minutes of Q&A

Place: Diocese of Cleveland Office
1404 E. Ninth Street | Cleveland, 44114

Cost: Free to Lawyers Guild Members | \$50 Non-members

Membership application: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/for-advisors/lawyers-guild>

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