

# Lawyers honoring Allentown's bishop

## Dialog report

The St. Thomas More Society will honor Bishop John O. Barres of Allentown, a former priest of the Diocese of Wilmington, at its annual dinner May 15 at the Greenville Country Club, Wilmington.

The society, composed of lawyers in the diocese, will present its Msgr. Paul J. Taggart award to Bishop Barres, who became Allentown's bishop in 2009 after 20 years as a Wilmington priest, including nine years as chancellor.

The award is given to people who exemplify the qualities of St. Thomas More, the 16th century chancellor of England who was martyred for his opposition to Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and establishment of the Church of England.

Gerard B. Wegemer, director of Thomas More Studies at the University of Dallas in Texas, will speak at the dinner. He's the author of "Thomas More on Statesmanship" and is editing a paperback series on More's most popular works. He's also a member of the board of editors for *Moreanna*, the international journal on Thomas More and his times.

*Cocktails at 5, dinner at 6. Tickets, \$95 per person, \$85 for members, can be purchased by contacting F. Peter Conaty at (302) 651-7855 or [conaty@rlf.com](mailto:conaty@rlf.com).*