



## October 3, 2008 - Rev. Richard Erikson Receives Award From St. Anselm's College

**Braintree, MA** - Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley commented today on the news that St. Anselm College will recognize Very Rev. Richard M. Erikson, Ph.D., V.G., Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese, with one of its prestigious alumni awards.

Fr. Erikson is receiving the Catholic Leadership Award. The ceremony will take place this evening in Manchester, New Hampshire and will recognize the outstanding contributions of eight alumni for their noteworthy personal and professional achievements.

Cardinal Seán said, "We are blessed by Fr. Erikson's dedication to the mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Boston. A 1980 graduate of St. Anselm's, Fr. Erikson is being recognized for his many achievements as a priest, chaplain and now for his leadership role as Vicar General for the Archdiocese. Fr. Erikson has inspired us with his commitment to improved communication and greater collaboration among all Archdiocesan personnel and those whom we serve. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless Fr. Erikson as he serves Christ and the Church."

Also being recognized this evening: Joshua I. Aiello '05, Colonel Gregory A. Boyle, USMC '81, Ronald L. Petrin '72, Captain Monique V. Petrofsky MPH, BSN '83, Constance B. Richards, Ed.D., MSN, RN, BC '69, Joan N. Sonski, MSN, RN '74, and Christopher O. Tollefsen, Ph.D. '89 for their demonstrated excellence. Recipients were chosen by the Alumni Council based on nominations by fellow alumni.

For more information please visit <http://www.anselm alumni.net> and click on "Alumni Awards Dinner."

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