



## **Most Reverend Raymond J. Boland**

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### **Invocation**

## **Bishop Boland Catholic Charities Golf Tournament**

June 27, 2011

Good and gracious God  
we ask you to bless in a special way  
all those participating in this  
Golf Tournament  
today.

Even if their scores soar into the  
stratosphere  
this afternoon  
comfort them with the knowledge that they,  
through the medium of Catholic Charities,  
are in fact doing the work of your Son,  
the Lord Jesus Christ  
by feeding the hungry  
housing the homeless  
assisting the most vulnerable  
in our society  
especially children at risk and the abandoned elderly.

May our enjoyment of this  
sometimes exasperating game  
be a source of hope  
for those who experience life  
as one long joyless daily struggle  
for mere survival.

Grant us fair weather  
and through ability or sheer luck  
keep us out of the water, the bunkers and the rough  
but above all else  
teach us to be grateful

for friends and family  
whose constant and limitless love  
bring  
happiness and contentment  
to our daily lives.

All this we ask through your Son and our Savior.

AMEN