

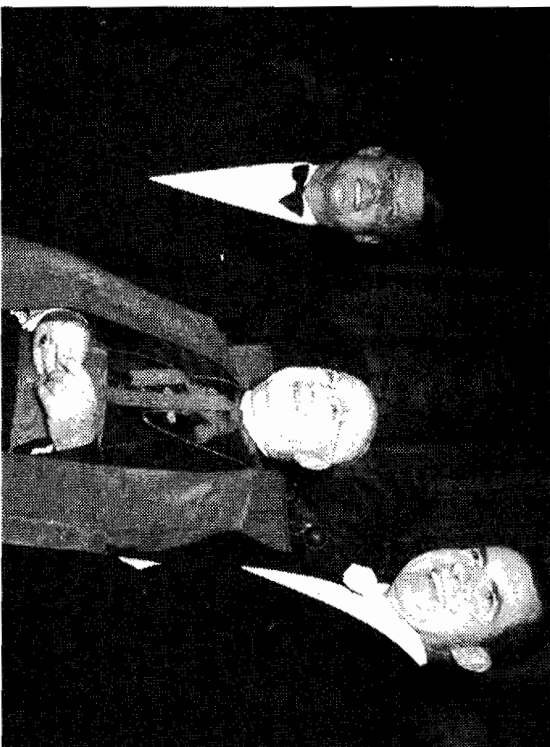
Loaves and Fishes gala Governor, Lt. governor candidates, all Catholic, to headline charity dinner

BOISE—The major parties' candidates for Idaho governor and lieutenant governor are expected to appear Sept. 9 at a gala Loaves and Fishes Dinner to benefit the statewide work of Catholic Charities of Idaho.

The dinner will take place at Boise's Grove Hotel in the main ballroom. Tickets are \$100 per person. Patrons can reserve tables for 10 for \$1,000.

Catholic Charities of Idaho is a non-profit organization that provides social services to families, immigrants, seniors and youth and counseling to those in need across the state. The organization relies heavily on volunteers and works within Idaho parishes.

This "first of its kind" dinner in Idaho, which was the brainchild of Andy Brunelle, a Bishop Kelly High graduate, will model after the traditional Al Smith Dinner, sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York City. That dinner has been a staple of the national presidential campaign for many years. The Al Smith Dinner is



ALFRED E. SMITH MEMORIAL DINNER — Sen. John Kennedy, who became the first Catholic president, left, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archdiocese of New York, and Vice President Richard Nixon

known for its non-partisan, humorous nature. The candidates attend to honor the memory of Smith, the first Roman Catholic nominated for president of the United States on a major party

ticket. Smith made his way from the tenements of New York City to the Governor's Mansion in Albany. The proud Catholic, who espoused Catholic social teaching, was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for president in 1928.

All of this year's Idaho candidates—gubernatorial candidates C.L. "Butch" Otter and Jerry Brady and lieutenant governor candidates Jim Risch and Larry LaRocco—are Catholic. Idaho has never had an elected Catholic governor in its more than 115 year history.

Otter, Brady and LaRocco have committed to the dinner, and Governor Risch has indicated to dinner organizers that he hopes to be able to attend.

"This event is both rare and important in that it provides a setting where some of the state's political leaders can come together with good humor and good purpose to highlight a really fine charity," said Marc Johnson, president of The Gallatin Group and a St. John's Cathedral parishioner, who will serve as the dinner master of ceremonies. "I anticipate lots of fun, good humor and a reinforcement of the notion that public service can and should be a high and noble

calling. As an Idahoan, if you care about our state's politics and leaders, this should be a great opportunity to join our candidates in fellowship and support a great cause."

Father Thomas Faucher, pastor, St. Mary's Parish, Boise, and one of the dinner organizers, said, "It is a gracious and generous gesture by all of these gentlemen to put aside the pressures and responsibilities of the campaign trail for one night and come together in fellowship and in support of a truly good cause."

Others who will attend the dinner include Bishop Michael Driscoll, Rosio Gonzales, the new Catholics Charities of Idaho executive director, and political scientist, Dr. Steve Shaw, Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, who will speak on the faith of Idaho governors. Idaho Episcopal Bishop Harry Bainbridge will give the invocation.

For further information or to purchase tickets, contact Catholic Charities of Idaho, 208-345-6031.

pose for a photo before the 16th Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Dinner, Oct. 19, 1960. The Alfred E. Smith Dinner is the model for the Idaho Loaves & Fishes Dinner. (Bettmann/CORBIS)