



TIBOR HOLLO HONORED BY ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

New American Award pays tribute to immigrants who serve their communities

MIAMI, Fla. (December 15, 2006) – Tibor Hollo, who as an immigrant worked diligently to improve his adopted hometown, was recently honored with the New American Award by the Catholic Charities Legal Services and the Archdiocese of Miami.

When the young Hungarian man with a degree in architectural engineering arrived in New York 58 years ago, no one looked at Hollo and saw a visionary who would change Miami forever. However, that is exactly what the father of modern Miami did by developing the Brickell and Omni areas of the city.

In honor of his many contributions to his adopted home, the CCLS and the Archdiocese of Miami presented Hollo with the New American Award at a gala at the Parrot Jungle on December 1, 2006. Hollo was one of three honorees; the others at the celebration of diversity and excellence were Florida Department of Health Secretary M. Rony Francois, M.D. and Bishop John Noonan. Hollo was recognized for his contributions to the skyline as well as his long standing philanthropic support of more than 40 civic, fraternal and religious organizations in the community.

“I am humbled by this honor,” said Hollo. “Miami is my home and I am proud to have fulfilled my vision for this beautiful city.”

The New American Award, which recognizes individual immigrants’ contributions to society, was also a benefit for the Catholic Charities Legal Services. The organization was established in 1998 to focus on legal assistance for refugees and immigrants otherwise lacking sufficient means to obtain legal help.

Hollo is president of Florida East Coast Realty, Inc. (FECR), which has developed more than 55 million square feet of residential, industrial, governmental and commercial space in Miami. Among them are Rivergate Plaza, the first high-rise in Brickell; Opera Tower; 2020 Ponce; Bay Parc Plaza, downtown’s premier rental building; and The Club at Brickell Bay. Hollo is also hailed for the development of a significant portion of the Venetia/Grand area, now part of the Arts District, just north of downtown Miami. FECR’s latest project is Villa Magna, a dual tower 60-level, 787-unit luxury condominium, which will be built on the last remaining bayfront parcel in the Brickell area of downtown Miami.