

**DRS. FELIX D. ALMARAZ, JR.,  
PATRICK FOLEY, AND RICARDO ROMO**

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**Honored by King Juan Carlos I of Spain**

On Sunday, 25 November 2007, at San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, Texas, the Consul General of Spain, Miguel A. Fdez. de Mazarambroz, presented *condecoraciones* (awards or decorations) in the name of King Juan Carlos I to three Roman Catholic scholars well known to the Society of Catholic Social Scientists: Dr. Félix D. Almaraz, Jr., Dr. Patrick Foley, and Dr. Ricardo Romo. The royal medals and certificates from His Majesty were given during the 10:00 a.m. Mass, with a reception following the Mass.

Dr. Almaraz, is Professor of History at the University of Texas at San Antonio and is a noted historian of the American Southwest, focusing especially on Borderlands history, the missions of San Antonio, and the life and work of the late Dr. Carlos Eduardo Castañeda. He wrote an article for Volume 1 (1996) of *The Catholic Social Science Review* entitled “Franciscan Missions Along the Coahuila-Texas Corridor: The Formative Years, 1700-1720.” He received the *Orden de Isabel la Católica* medal. Dr. Foley, who has published several articles in our journal, is currently Consulting Editor for Hispanic Catholic Affairs for *The Catholic Social Science Review* and also is Editor Emeritus for *Catholic Southwest: A Journal of History and Culture* and is on the Editorial Board of the journal of the California Mission Studies Association headquartered at Santa Clara University, *Boletín*. He was honored by being named *Encomienda de la Orden del Merito Civil*. Dr. Romo, who also received a medal and certificate for the *Orden de Isabel la Católica*, is the highly respected President of the University of Texas at San Antonio and earned his doctorate at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Both Dr. Almaraz and Dr. Foley received their doctorates in history from the University of New Mexico.