



CBC Group Acquires R.J. Toomey

WORCESTER, MA (September 3, 2014) -- CBC Group of Phoenix, AZ has acquired the R.J. Toomey Company of Worcester, Massachusetts.

R.J. Toomey is the oldest and best-known clerical apparel firm in the United States. The R.J. Toomey firm was founded in 1936 by Richard J. Toomey, and together with two of his brothers, Lawrence T. Toomey and John A. Toomey, incorporated the Company in 1946. In 1973, the brothers Richard and John sold their interest in the Company to Lawrence, who owned and operated the business until his death in 1976. The R.J. Toomey Company was then passed into the capable hands of Lawrence's wife, Mary Dalton Toomey, who managed the business until her death in 2001.

Since 2001, the firm has been managed by Lawrence and Mary's daughters, Christine Toomey Ringdahl, Patricia A. Renda and Mary E. Skinner. Under their direction, the company has solidified its position as the market leader in clergy shirts, tailored clergy apparel and altar server attire. Throughout its history, many other members of the Toomey Family have played an integral role in the development and expansion of the company both in this country and around the world.

CBC Group, founded in 1948, is a distribution, importing and manufacturing firm that markets a wide variety of products through catalogs, sales representatives and e-commerce. Recent acquisitions include Robert Smith (furniture), Will & Baumer (candles), Creed (jewelry), Heartfelt (wall art) and Gerffert (art masterpieces). Products in these brands are sold to an assortment of channels within the Christian and secular gift fields with a special emphasis in the Christian church supply industry. CBC Group is headquartered in Phoenix Arizona with manufacturing facilities, a call center and a distribution center in Lewisburg; TN.

R.J. Toomey will continue to manufacture in their present location in Worcester, MA.

Pat Toomey Renda, R.J. Toomey president said, "We are very pleased to have a new strategic partner who will share our vision for R.J. Toomey and whose experience can help expand the company. This team is well versed with the needs of our industry and can help strengthen our position as a leader in the clerical apparel field. With their resources, and the help of their field sales force, telemarketing staff and sophisticated web presence we firmly believe R.J. Toomey will continue to grow profitably and offer our customers the highest quality products and superior customer service that our industry have come to expect."

Paul DiGiovanni, CBC Group president, said, "We are thrilled to be a part of the great heritage at R.J. Toomey. The Toomey family has combined vision and hard work to build this brand into the indisputable industry leader. Together with the wonderful long time employees of the R. J. Toomey Company we are honored to continue this wonderful tradition."

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