Other special guests included Frederico Nascimento, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Portugal, Washington, D.C., José Manuel Bolieiro, Mayor of Ponta Delgada, Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia, Consul to New Bedford Shelley Pires, Director of the Portuguese Communities Paulo Teves, DES President Duarte Nuno Carreiro, and DES Community Representative John Medeiros. The breakfast is annually sponsored by Frank Baptista, founder and director of Rádio Voz do Emigrante. Attendees included Conselheiros das Comunidades Portuguesas, state legislators from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Fall River city councilors, and representatives of local colleges and universities, and community organizations as well as local businesses.

The breakfast precedes the procession and Solemn Coronation Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral. PALCUS is proud to host this important annual event for the community.