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As the *Herald* surveys the top 250 US Catholic influentials, **William Cash** explains how Catholic leadership has passed from the clergy to the laity and philanthropists

There is a crisis of Catholic identity in America. The torch of Catholic leadership is now in different hands than a generation ago. While America's Catholics may be divided into rival political and factional tribes, what brings our cast of influentials together is a shared concern over Catholic values.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Catholic education. Indeed, to understand why we are launching our new US Catholic leaders special report – celebrating the top 250 Catholics helping to shape American society for the better – we can start with a visit made last November to the Rochester, NY, campus of the Aquinas Institute by its old alumnus, the financier Robert Agostinelli.

Through hard work and “God’s graces”, and guided by the Catholic values instilled in him as a student at Aquinas, Agostinelli, 69, has built the Rhône Group into a highly successful private equity company. He had been thinking of giving a significant gift to his old Catholic high school, where he served as an altar boy at local Masses celebrated by Bishop Fulton J Sheen, host of the award-winning television show *Life is Worth Living*. “Father Sheen” featured on the cover of *Time* in 1952 as one of America’s key post-war spiritual leaders.

The weekend invitation included the opportunity to return to the high-school football ground where Agostinelli had enjoyed success as a player back in the 1960s. But by the time the match was due to start, he and his wife had been disinvented by the trustees from attending the school match.

This was due to some student sensitivities being ruffled by a (well-received) speech about his successful journey in life and business. Agostinelli had said he was a living example of the American dream. Although aware of the “mission shift” of Catholic institutions, what he experienced was worse than he expected. He found the school’s once traditional Catholic

identity subverted with progressive and secular values in which students were being forced to genuflect to political correctness and “endure a tyrannical command to follow woke suffering in every form”.

“After I spoke out, I could have gone on a global lecture tour as I had so many speaker invitations,” Agostinelli told me over lunch. “It opened my eyes to the crisis of Catholic identity in America, especially in education. Leadership now has to come from outside Catholic institutions, and lies increasingly with lay leaders.”

Catholic leadership is today passing from the Church and Catholic institutions to the lay community, particularly led by active members of the Order of Malta, the Knights of Columbus and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, along with US business and philanthropy leaders determined not to let Catholic values slide.

This is a view shared, with sadness and regret, by Father Gerald Murray, author and *Herald* writer who is parish priest at the Holy Family Church in Midtown Manhattan and a member of EWTN’s Papal Posse.

With the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council this October, Fr Murray says that one of its most notable effects has been the emergence of the Catholic laity in “educating, inspiring and analysing the faith” – a role in American Catholic public life usually taken on by theologians and spiritual leaders such as Sheen, Cardinal Francis Spellman – the anti-communist confidante of Pope Pius XII who founded the Al Smith Dinner for New York Catholic charities – and Father Charles Coughlin, the anti-Prohibitionist so-called “Radio Priest” who amassed over 30 million listeners in the 1930s.

Today, alas, fewer priests are at the forefront of cultural and public debate. One London event that was cancelled because of the Queen’s death was an address by Bishop Robert Barron in the Palace of Westminster on the subject of “What Christianity brings to the public conversation”. Barron, the founder of the Word on Fire Ministries, operates largely online via his YouTube and social media channels.

In short, with some notable exceptions, such as the charismatic Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, equally at home in the Bronx as the Upper East Side, outspoken Los Angeles archbishop José Gómez and America’s newest Cardinal Robert W McElroy, priests are increasingly invisible on the public stage. The lay patron saint of this shift was William F Buckley, Catholic founder of the *National Review*.

His TV debates with Gore Vidal were as celebrated as the BBC head-to-heads in 1948 between Jesuit priest Frederick Copleston and Bertrand Russell about the existence of God.

“As a cleric, I regret to say that most of the most brilliant thinkers in the Catholic world now are not amongst the clergy,” Fr Murray told me at his New York rectory. “The laity are providing the most incisive analysis. Having a magazine such as the *Herald*, where they can publish and have their views disseminated is wonderful. Sadly, many of the clergy either have no interest in intellectual life or don’t really want to defend the doctrine of the faith. But there are plenty of laity who are most willing to do that.”

These range from individuals helping to fund new “classical” Catholic private schools in Philadelphia, like the six Regina Academies, whose executive director Mark Bradford is profiled, to the actor Mark



Wahlberg who, in a *Herald* interview, said he often gets up before 3am to pray. Across America, philanthropists, business leaders, entrepreneurs, CEOs, politicians, thought leaders, lawyers and justices are influencing society and helping to renew Catholic identity.

When we launched the *Herald* in the US in 2018, we wrote a waspish cover story called “Meet America’s Catholic Tribes”. While there remain bitter divisions between Team Francis and the Benedict XVI camp’s social conservatives, what our new survey shows is that you cannot stereotype America’s Catholic landscape into two camps: “trad” conservatives and progressive liberals.

Catholic America is a big tent of all political colours, factions and creeds. Many right-wing Catholics, for example, have no time for Latin Mass. “As for the Holy Father, some conservatives recoil at the mention of his name,” we noted. “Others are worried by his pontificate, but won’t tolerate personal criticism of the Successor of Peter.”

President Joe Biden has a photo of Pope Francis in the Oval Office. Although we have reservations about Biden’s brand of Catholic-lite faith, Catholic leaders today are making an impact in government and public space. Catholic social teaching now sets the moral tone of public discourse in America, helped by op-eds in the *Wall Street Journal*, whose columnist Bill McGurn is profiled. No less than six Supreme Court justices are Catholic. But not all Catholics – especially women – are overjoyed by the overturning of *Roe v Wade*.

As our entries testify, the University of Notre Dame continues to be the main formation ground for shaping future Catholic leaders (a Notre Dame intern helped with our research). In 2016, controversy followed when pro-choice Biden was awarded Notre Dame’s famed Laetare Medal, regarded as the highest Catholic honour in the US (John F Kennedy received it in 1961). Still, the recent news that Marcus Freeman, head coach of the Fighting Irish’s football team, has converted to the Catholic faith, suggests that the university’s Catholic leadership credentials are as strong as ever under president Father John Jenkins. Notre Dame has \$18 billion of endowment, a large proportion being alumnae donations.

So, what are our criteria for inclusion? We have taken a broad church approach to reflect the reality of Catholic America today. Even if some of our entrants don’t openly identify as Catholics – and some would admit to being far from sainthood – their lives have often been shaped by their Catholic background (often Irish or Italian) and faith. They want to be a force for good and give back.

Our survey is launching at the same time as our non-profit Catholic Herald Institute, whose goal is to defend Catholic values in public life and uphold the pillars of Catholic faith: family, human dignity, and protecting life. We also believe in upholding a collective Western tradition of culture and faith. The aim is to use our think-tank as a funnel for ideas for our affiliate 134-year-old magazine and our website. While there are numerous

Catholic institutes, not one has a platform like the *Herald’s* to influence public debate and the future of the Church.

For today’s Catholic leaders, donating to their local church and community is not enough – they want to make a difference politically. Sean Fieler, president of Equinox Partners, is proactively influencing public discourse and policy on issues such as strengthening the family, abortion and gender identity. Agostinelli has been chairman of the National Review Institute and instigated the William F Buckley prize for leadership in political thought. This year it was awarded to Larry Kudlow, the TV host, former Ronald Reagan treasury adviser and Catholic convert.

Ultimately, what drove Bishop Sheen – who was proposed for beatification by Pope Benedict XVI – was a desire to see Catholic identity and its moral purpose flourish in America. Today, that cause is now being taken up by a new generation of leaders from both the left and right. These include Leonard Leo of the Federalist Society, Stephen Brogan, Steve Hilton, Frank Hanna III, Tom Monaghan and Vincenzo La Ruffa.

There are just as many liberal activist philanthropists, like Melinda Gates, as there are socially conservative non-profits, such as the Chiaroscuro Foundation, named after a Renaissance painting style that uses contrast for effect. “Reflecting God’s light in a dark world” is the foundation’s mission statement. Which sounds like a good place to start our survey – whatever your politics. **CH**

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Business & Philanthropy

Robert Agostinelli Chairman, Rhône Group

Rochester, NY native Robert Agostinelli, aged 69, attended the Aquinas Institute and served as an altar boy at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Fulton J Sheen. He earned his MBA at Columbia University. Joining Goldman Sachs in 1982, he left for Lazard's in 1987. Agostinelli struck out on his own in 1995 with the founding of New York-based private equity shop Rhône Group. He is active in philanthropic activities, including being a former chairman of the National Review Institute who set up the William F Buckley prize for leadership in political thought and as a member of the Reagan Ranch board of governors. In a caustic and widely applauded 2021 article in the *National Review*, Agostinelli spoke out about the crisis of Catholic identity on American campuses today after a return visit to Aquinas where he found the school indoctrinated with woke values that represented a form of "papier-mâché Catholicism". He lamented how far removed the school was from the Judeo-Christian values that had provided him with a "moral compass" for life.

Laure C Aubuchon Commercial real estate

A graduate of Boston College and Harvard University, Laure Aubuchon works in commercial real estate. She serves on the board of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County where she is on the executive committee, and in 2016, was the co-chair of the Capital Campaign for the New Covenant House in Stamford, CT,

a programme of Catholic Charities, where she is also on the advisory board. She was a trustee of Assumption College for 21 years. She is on the board of the WE Aubuchon Co, Inc, a family-owned business started by her grandfather in 1908. For eight years, Aubuchon served as a Eucharist minister at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital.

John & Daria Barry John and Daria Barry Foundation

John Barry is the chairman and chief executive officer of Prospect Capital Corporation and Prospect Capital Management (PCM). He is chairman of PCM's Investment Committee and has been an officer of PCM since 1990. Daria Barry is head of administration and managing director at Prospect Capital Management. She joined PCM in 1998 and oversees PCM's operations. They are philanthropists who run the John and Daria Barry Foundation which is committed to improving opportunities, with a focus on veterans, education and the environment.

Edward Bastian CEO, Delta Air Lines

Edward Bastian, 65, has been CEO of Delta Air Lines since 2016. He received a bachelor of business administration in accounting from St Bonaventure University in New York. He recently met with Pope Francis at the Vatican, presenting the pontiff with a Roman cross, cut from a Delta engine blade, and a generous six-digit financial gift to a papal charity.

Patrick Baugier de Chevestre Wine distributor

Patrick Baugier de Chevestre is chairman and founder of Metrowine Distribution, one of the largest Bordeaux wine distributors in the US. He has a deep background in wine having grown up in Bordeaux, where his family has been active in the wine business for four centuries. He is a member of the Chevaliers du Tastevin, Commandeur of La Commanderie du Bontemps, and also belongs to the Jurade de Saint Emilion and L'Union Club Bordelais. Patrick holds a degree in law from the University of Assas in Paris.

Kim Bepler Philanthropist

Kim Bepler is the widow of Stephen E Bepler, and since his death in 2016 she has run the extensive Bepler family estate. Three new chairs were created at Fordham University thanks to a \$10.5 million legacy from her husband, and Bepler is now an honorary trustee fellow there. \$2.5 million will be added to the gift to a fund for a new science building planned for the Rose Hill campus, a project to which the Beplers have contributed \$7.8 million. Bepler has also started a fund for Fordham students affected by the crisis in Ukraine.

Frank Bisignano President and CEO, Fiserv

Frank J Bisignano, 63, is president and CEO of Fiserv. He has previously served as the CEO of First Data Corporation and

the COO of JPMorgan Chase. In 2021, he was awarded with the Deus Caritas Est award by Cardinal Dolan for his work in assisting the poor via Catholic charities and other archdiocesan projects in New York. Among his non-profit commitments, Bisignano serves as a trustee of the Cathedral of St Patrick.

Robert E Campbell Former VP, Johnson & Johnson

Robert E Campbell is a retired vice-chairman of the board of directors of Johnson & Johnson. He served as an Air Force officer for three years and during his J&J career held numerous positions in financial and general management. Campbell is trustee emeritus and past chairman of the board of trustees of Fordham University. After retiring in 1995, Campbell served as chairman of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, whose mission is to improve the health and healthcare of every American, and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

Joseph A Cari Entrepreneur and philanthropist

Joseph A Cari Jr, from New York, is a banker, public policy expert, and philanthropist. Beyond this, his professional career has also included experience in the worlds of media, politics, law and education.

Cari was appointed by President Bill Clinton as chairman of the board of the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, a US government think-tank. He



has also established the Rita Bahr Cari Memorial Fund, named after his wife, at the University of Notre Dame. This aims to help in aiding those who suffer from human-rights violations.

Emanuel Chirico Former chairman and director, PVH Corp

Emanuel Chirico is chairman of PVH Corp. It owns an iconic family of brands including Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger and Van Heusen. Chirico has been with PVH for over 26 years, serving as CEO from 2006 to 2021 and as chairman since 2007.

Under his leadership PVH has become one of the largest and most admired fashion and lifestyle companies in the world, reaching \$9.9 billion in annual revenues in 2019 and 40,000 associates operating in over 40 countries. His philanthropic work includes serving on the board of trustees of his alma mater, Fordham University, as well as the board for Save the Children and the Healthcare Chaplaincy.

Jim Clerkin CEO, Demeter & Co

Jim Clerkin has over 35 years of experience in the wine and spirits industry. He began his career in Ireland where he rose through the ranks at Guinness to become an executive member of the board of directors. In 2010, Clerkin was appointed to the position of CEO and president of Moët Hennessy USA, the leading luxury wines, spirits and champagne company in the world. Outside of work, he is the chairman of Co-Operation Ireland in the US, which is a not-for-profit organisation promoting peace and reconciliation.

Clockwise from top: Jim Clerkin, Robert Agostinelli, Ed Bastian, John F Crowley, Frank Bisignano

Timothy & Wendy Connors Founder, PivotNorth Capital and philanthropists

Timothy Connors is the founder of PivotNorth Capital and a 25-year veteran of Silicon Valley, having co-founded five companies. He has built an extensive career in engineering and technology and as a venture capitalist. The focus of Wendy and Tim Connors's philanthropy is directed towards Catholic causes such as the University of Notre Dame, Catholic Charities San Francisco, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Saint Raymond Parish, and Sacred Heart Prep High School. They have also co-founded and funded OneParish.com, a free app and web platform designed to help parishes grow their community and increase members' involvement and giving.

Neil & Anne Corkery Wellspring Committee

Neil and Anne Corkery are founders of the Wellspring Committee, an organisation operating out of Manassas, Virginia, which serves as a fund for conservative political non-profit groups. Founded in 2008, the Wellspring Committee regularly contributes funding to non-profits that create advertisements for Republican candidates and causes. Influential as a well-connected power couple in Washington, they have supported Catholic appointments to the Supreme Court, and have supported groups that campaign against same-sex marriage and abortion.

John F Crowley CEO, Amicus Therapeutics

John F Crowley, 55, is the executive chairman of Amicus Therapeutics, a global biotechnology company which

Sean Fieler
President and CIO,
Equinox Partners



Sean Fieler is a charismatic figure in the New York financial and philanthropy world and named his Chiaroscuro Foundation after a painting style used by such Renaissance artists as Caravaggio, which uses high contrast for maximum effect. "Reflecting God's light in a dark world" is how Fieler has described his foundation's socially conservative mission.

Upon completing undergraduate studies, Fieler joined Equinox Partners (a global value fund focused on emerging markets and gold mining) as an intern. He is now the firm's chief investment officer and majority owner. Fieler speaks and talks on the monetary system; he has lectured on monetary policy at the annual Grant's Conference, the Atlas Liberty Forum and has written for the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Hill*.

Fieler's Chiaroscuro Foundation invests in education, family strengthening, humanitarian work, pro-life activities, religious liberty, evangelism and other causes. A particular concern of Fieler's is the importance of family and marriage to American society. He has spoken out on the importance of upholding the traditional Catholic view of marriage and family values. He is focused on what can be achieved legally and politically to reduce the high incidence of abortion; his priority is pre-conception causes as much as post.

He first got into public-space philanthropy through attending a conference on family law at David Blankenhorn's Institute for American Values. "I got a sense of how deep the problems were surrounding families in America, both in our culture and in law and policy. I ended up joining the board," he told Philanthropy Roundtable. He admires Catholics like Clarence Thomas who are not afraid to speak out on moral issues, rather than trimming one's sails for expediency's sake.

Fieler once argued in the *New York Times* that it was disingenuous to argue that gay relationships "lend themselves to monogamy, stability, health and parenting in the same way heterosexual relationships do". As a result of his public stance, which includes opposition to transgender bathrooms (which he tried to abolish in California via the Privacy for All Act), Fieler has become a hero of the American cultural right. He is unabashed about describing himself as a social conservative fighting for religious liberty. "You can have freedom within your place of worship, but no rights to bring religious principles outside, into your life, your business, the public square," he has said.

He serves as chairman of the American Principles Project, Communio and the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. He lives in Stamford, Connecticut, with his wife Ana and six children. He and Ana were married in New York by Father John McGuire of the Dominicans.

he founded in 2005 and which now has a presence in more than two dozen countries and a market value in excess of \$3 billion. Crowley's involvement with biotechnology stems from the 1998 diagnosis of two of his children with Pompe disease. In his drive to find a cure for them, he became an entrepreneur in the field. He is a former national chairman of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Notre Dame when he delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2020. He lives in Florida.

Daniel A D'Aniello
Co-founder,
The Carlyle Group

Daniel A D'Aniello, 75, is a co-Founder and chairman of the Carlyle Group, a global alternative asset management company headquartered in Washington DC with over \$188 billion in assets under management. Prior to forming Carlyle in 1987, D'Aniello was a vice-president for Finance and Development at Marriott Corporation, and prior to that was a financial officer at Pepsi and Trans World Airlines. He is a 1974 graduate of the Harvard Business School, where he was a Teagle Foundation Fellow. In 2003, he and some Catholic business leaders founded the Lumen Institute, whose purpose is "to form business leaders and transform culture".

James M Davis
Founder, Packaging Express

James "Jim" Davis is founder and partner of Packaging Express of Colorado Springs. Previously, Davis was a partner in Denver's Deline Box Company for more than 30 years. In recognition of his professional success, he was inducted into the Association of Independent Corrugated Converters/Paperboard

Packaging hall of fame in 2013. Outside work, his leadership carries over into his community service; he is a member of the National Advisory Board of the Catholic Leadership Institute.

Samuel A DiPiazza
Chairman, Warner Bros

Samuel A DiPiazza Jr, 72, is the chairman of Warner Bros Discovery and is a former CEO of PricewaterhouseCoopers. He graduated from the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in accounting and earned a master of accountancy degree from the University of Houston. He joined PwC in 1973 and became a partner in 1979: the youngest in the firm's history. He is on the board of directors of St Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, Seton Education Partners, Inner City Scholarship of NY, and is a former member of the board of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum.

Charles Dolan
Founder, Cablevision
and HBO

Charles Dolan is the founder of Cablevision and HBO. He served in the US Air Force at the end of World War II, after which he entered the field of telecommunications. The Fairfield University Dolan School of Business is named in recognition of his \$25 million donation and his service to the university as a member of the board of trustees. The Dolan Center for Science and Technology, completed in 2003 at a cost of over \$66 million, is John Carroll's showcase building. He is the chairman emeritus of the Lustgarten Foundation, the largest private funder of pancreatic cancer research in the world.

Dixon R Doll
Co-Founder & Partner
Emeritus, DCM Ventures

For more than 35 years, Dixon

Doll has guided entrepreneurs, investors and executives in the computer, communications, and internet industries. Doll founded DCM Ventures, where he built a leading global VC firm with offices in Silicon Valley, Beijing and Tokyo. DCM is also widely regarded as the first Silicon Valley venture firm successfully to invest in China, Japan and the US. In 2021, Doll received the lifetime achievement award in venture capital from the US National Venture Capital Association. He sits on the boards of the Papal Foundation and the Catholic Investment Services.

The Fanjul Brothers
Sugar magnates

Alfonso, José, Alexander and Andres Fanjul are all co-owners of Fanjul Corp. Comprising numerous subsidiaries, it is a huge sugar and real-estate conglomerate in the United States and the Dominican Republic. Some of its subsidiaries include La Romana International Airport, and many resorts surrounding La Romana in the Dominican Republic. All are Catholics; Pepe and Alfonso have been honoured by the Diocese of Palm Beach for their dedication to Catholic charities in the area.

Melinda French Gates
Philanthropist and former
GM, Microsoft

Melinda French Gates, 58, is a philanthropist and former general manager at Microsoft. In 2000, she and her former husband Bill Gates founded the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She has been awarded both the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the French Legion of Honour. Gates attended St Monica Catholic School and in 1982 graduated as valedictorian from the Ursuline Academy of Dallas.

Gates practises her own brand

Clockwise from top left: Antoun Nabil Sehnaoui, Mark Rauenhurst, Christine Schwarzman, MacKenzie Scott, Ken Lagone, Melinda Gates, Robert Nardelli, Steve Henley



of Catholicism, however, and in 2012 she broke publicly with the Church's opposition to artificial birth control when the Gates Foundation launched a global campaign to expand reproductive rights for women.

David Hayes
Managing partner,
MM Hayes Company

David Hayes is a managing partner at MM Hayes Co, a software company focused on labour-management solutions for the workplace and headquartered in Albany, New York. Hayes and his wife Lauren have been married for 26 years and have five children; the Hayes family's Irish heritage and Catholic faith have been integral parts of their lives, forming a foundation for success in business, sports, and most importantly family. He joined MM Hayes in 1988 after graduating from Boston College. He is presently one of the managing partners alongside his father Michael M Hayes and two brothers, Michael and John.

Thomas J Healey
Healey Family Foundation

Thomas J Healey, 79, was a partner at Goldman Sachs and is senior fellow at Harvard University's John F Kennedy School of Government. He was a former assistant secretary of the United States Treasury under President Ronald Reagan. He was a trustee and chairman of the Rockefeller Foundation Investment Committee and served a similar role at Georgetown University. He serves on the emeritus board of FADICA and received their 2020

Frank J Hanna III
Entrepreneur and philanthropist



Frank J Hanna III is a leading Catholic philanthropist and entrepreneur who has been CEO of Hanna Capital in Atlanta, Georgia, since 2006. His influence is wide-ranging and he is regarded by other Catholic philanthropists as a *primus inter pares* role model. Hanna has served on the boards of Catholic cable television network EWTN, the Catholic Leadership Institute and the Busch School of Business of the Catholic University of America. He also supports FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students), Lumen Institute, the Pontifical North American College, and Sophia Institute Press.

Hanna was profiled in the PBS documentary *The Call of the Entrepreneur*. The son of "Pop", Hanna Jr was brought up seeing his father support many Atlanta charities and civic organisations as well as Atlanta's Holy Spirit parish in Buckhead, run by the charismatic Monsignor Edward Dillon.

Hanna has helped to shape Catholic life and education in America in a national role. He served as chair of a Commission on Education Excellence under President George W Bush, and he has been involved in 13 new educational institutions, from pre-school through post-secondary. These include two schools in Atlanta, serving on the boards of each: Holy Spirit Preparatory School and Holy Spirit College.

Hanna was chosen by George W Bush to be co-chair of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. He is an advocate of educational and religious liberty, and supports the Federalist Society, the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, and the Acton Institute. He also supports, or serves on the board of, the American Enterprise Institute, the Ethics and Public Policy Center, the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, and the Philanthropy Roundtable. He has written two books: *What Your Money Means*, and *A Graduate's Guide to Life*, the latter of which was recommended by George Weigel in *First Things*. As the founder of the Solidarity Association, he helps the causes of Catholic education and Catholic formation. It came to public attention in 2007 after it purchased the Mater Verbi (Hanna) Papyrus from the Bodmer Foundation in Cologne, and donated it to the Vatican Apostolic Library in a ceremony attended by Pope Benedict XVI. Dating from between AD 175 and 225, the papyrus is the oldest extant copy of portions of the Gospels of Luke and John as well as the oldest transcription of the Lord's Prayer. Hanna has been awarded the William B Simon prize for philanthropic leadership, and the David R Jones award for philanthropic leadership. He is also a Knight of Malta, a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, and was named a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Gregory by Pope Benedict.

St Katharine Drexel Award for Catholic philanthropy.

Stephen Henley
President,
Legatus International

President of Legatus International since 2016 – the peer group of choice among top Catholic executives, with over 5,000 members – Henley was formerly a Legatus regional vice president. A graduate of Ave Maria University and a father of six, he served six years as a sergeant in the US Marine Corps with a full-year activation and seven-month deployment in Iraq. Following this, he served at AMU as director of security and life safety.

Steven M Hilton
Chairman,
Conrad Hilton Foundation

Steven M Hilton, 71, is son of hotel magnate Barron Hilton and grandson of Conrad Hilton, who founded the Hilton hotels chain. He lives in Malibu where he enjoys surfing and has a black belt in aikido. He is the chairman of the Conrad N Hilton Foundation, a non-profit charitable foundation established in 1944 which aims to improve the lives of underprivileged and vulnerable people across the globe. By the time he retired in 2015 as CEO of the foundation, his family had given away over \$1.4 billion to causes that included the Catholic Sisters Initiative and the Perkins School for the Blind. He has served on the finance council of his local archdiocese and on the board of Loyola Marymount University.

Luci Baines Johnson
Businesswoman and philanthropist

Luci Baines Johnson is an American businesswoman and philanthropist. She is the younger daughter of President Lyndon B Johnson and his wife, Claudia

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Johnson. Johnson converted to Roman Catholicism at the age of 18. Since 1993, she has been the chairman of the board and manager of LBJ Asset Management Partners. She is on the board of directors of the LBJ Foundation and has served on multiple civic boards, raising funds for the American Heart Association, acting as trustee of Boston University, and as a member of the advisory board of the Center for Battered Women.

Daniel Keegan
Fintech entrepreneur
and philanthropist

Daniel Keegan is the former co-head of global equities at Citigroup. He previously served for three years as head of equities (Americas) at Citi, having joined in 2007. He recently left the role to launch a fintech investment fund. Born in New Jersey, Keegan attended the University of Notre Dame, receiving a BA and later a JD at Notre Dame Law School. Before joining Citigroup, Daniel was employed at JPMorgan Chase. He went to Catholic grammar school, high school, college and

law school, and has stated in interviews that his Catholicism has always been a big part of his life. His philanthropy includes being chairman of the Ireland Funds Gala dinner in 2017 that raised \$2.65 million for Irish causes and charities including a new Irish Arts Center on Manhattan's West Side.

Liam J Kelly
President and CEO, Teleflex

Liam J Kelly is the chairman, president and CEO of Teleflex. He joined Teleflex in 2009 and since then has held a variety of roles. Born and raised in Galway, Ireland, Kelly and his wife, Helen, are both graduates of the University of Limerick. In 2014 they relocated to Philadelphia with their five children.

Kenneth G Langone
Businessman and philanthropist

Kenneth Gerard Langone is a businessman, investor, and philanthropist who arranged financing for the founders of the Home Depot. He was played by actor Ray Liannicelli in the HBO drama *Wizard of Lies*, about Bernie Madoff. He has given significantly to the Republican Party. In 2018, Langone pledged \$100 million in funding towards a \$450 million programme to make tuition free for all medical students at the NYU School of Medicine. He is a practising Catholic, and was made a Knight of St Gregory by Pope Benedict XVI.

John Malone
Businessman, landowner
and philanthropist

John Malone is a businessman and philanthropist who is also America's largest private landowner. Born in Connecticut, he built Tele-Communications Inc into a cable and media giant from 1973 to 1996. Malone is now chairman and largest voting shareholder of

Liberty Media, which owns F1, Liberty Global and Qurate Retail Group. He also owns 7 per cent of Lionsgate and Starz Inc.

A leading philanthropist, his causes are focused on land preservation, medical research and animal rescue. "You should use your money to do what you regard as good things for your society and your fellow men," he has said. "I also don't believe in hereditary wealth." His gifts include Yale's Daniel L Malone Engineering Center, named after Malone's father. He has gifted \$50m to the university's engineering school and another \$30m to the Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering to build the Malone Hall. He owns several million acres including estates in New Mexico, Florida, Maryland, Maine New Hampshire, Colorado and Wyoming. He is proud of his Irish heritage and is a self-confessed "restore-a-wreck" historic-property buyer. He has restored Humewood Castle in Wicklow, various hotels in Dublin and Limerick and Castlemartin House on the banks of the Liffey, in County Kildare. The former home of media tycoon Tony O'Reilly, the estate includes a restored medieval church, St Mary's, which was reconsecrated for Catholic worship in 1981.

Patrick W McGrory
Chairman, the Raskob
Foundation for Catholic
Activities

Patrick W McGrory is a private-wealth specialist with Liberty Point Advisors. He has played a significant role for over 25 years in his family's foundation, the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, which supports domestic and international projects from institutions and organisations identified with the Catholic Church; he serves as the chairman. He is also a board member of the Global Solidarity Fund and in 2016 was honoured with the Ignatius Award

Tom Monaghan
Founder, Domino's Pizza



Tom Monaghan founded Domino's Pizza in 1960. Brought up in a Michigan orphanage after his father died, he was driven by a strong work ethic to build his pizza franchise into one of the largest in the world before selling to Bain Capital for \$1 billion.

He owned the Detroit Tigers baseball team from 1992 to 1993 and also owns the largest Frank Lloyd Wright architecture collection in the world. Monaghan has been a major Catholic philanthropist, saying that his love of the Catholic Church stemmed from his time at the St Joseph Home for Boys, and in particular the influence of Sister Berada who instilled in him the belief that anything was possible. He then went onto St Francis High School where he tested a vocation to the priesthood and joined St Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids. He was asked to leave for disciplinary reasons (talking in chapel and pillow fighting) and later said that was one of the greatest failures and disappointments of his life. His gifts include \$3.5 million to the rebuilding of the cathedral in Managua, Nicaragua. He supports pro-life charities including Priests for Life. He has helped with the founding of several Catholic organisations including the Ave Maria Foundation, Legatus International, Ave Maria University, and the Spiritus Sanctus Academies. He is also actively involved in politics and endorsed Donald Trump in 2020.

by the Saint Joseph's University Alumni Association.

Andrew McKenna
Former chairman,
McDonald's

Andrew McKenna was the chairman of McDonald's, the largest fast-food chain in the world, from 2004 until his retirement in 2016. McKenna is a Catholic and attended the University of Notre Dame for his bachelor's degree; he received his JD from DePaul University College of Law.

Daniel & Kathleen Mezzalingua
Philanthropists

Daniel Mezzalingua has had a

career in a variety of fields including cable television and education. In addition to these business ventures, he is also on the boards of trustees at St Bonaventure University and Ave Maria University. Kathleen Mezzalingua is a dame of the Order of Malta and led the Syracuse Region as Hospitaller for ten years. She has been active in the order helping the sick, frail and poor in the community, and has taken part in ten of the order's pilgrimages to Lourdes.

Robert Nardelli
Former CEO, Chrysler, Home
Depot and Freedom Group

Robert Nardelli, 74, operates the investment firm XLR-8 LLC. Previously he served as the CEO

of Chrysler and has served in a similar capacity at Home Depot and Freedom Group. A practising Catholic, Nardelli also served as the head of operations and advisory business of Cerebus Management LP. He also once worked at General Electric where he was one of the top executives.

Robert Neal
Managing director,
Hager Pacific Properties

Robert Neal, 60, is a managing director with Hager Pacific Properties. Neal is active in the Church's charitable activities and has held positions at several Catholic non-profit organisations including Catholic Relief Services, the Becket Fund, Catholic Leadership Institute, Magis Institute of Reason and Faith, the Orange Coast Chapter of Legatus International, and Christ Catholic Cathedral Corporation. In addition, both Neal and his wife, Berni, are stewards of the Papal Foundation.

Maureen O'Leary
Trustee, William M &
Miriam F Meehan Foundation

Maureen O'Leary is a trustee of the William M & Miriam F Meehan Foundation and a 2020 winner of a FADICA St Katharine Drexel award for Catholic philanthropy; she is a member of St Ignatius Jesuit parish in Manhattan. After Columbia University, she trained as a psychologist and spent years researching the problems of human trafficking. She has launched a report on the anti-trafficking efforts at Catholic colleges and universities and instigated two Vatican youth conferences, bringing together survivors and anti-slavery leaders.

William S Orosz
Real estate developer and
philanthropist

Bill Orosz has spent his entire

working career focused within the real estate industry. His charity, The Orosz Family Foundation supports religious, educational and medical research initiatives in Florida, where he lives. He is founding chair of the Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, and is a member of the President's Advisory Council for Fellowship of Catholic University Students. He previously served as a board member and chair of the Catholic Leadership Institute and is a member of the Napa Institute Guild.

Lewis Ranieri
Chairman, Ranieri Partners

Lewis Ranieri, 75, is a former bond trader and founding partner and current chairman of the real-estate firm Ranieri Partners. He previously served as the vice-chairman of Salmon Brothers and formed Hyperion Partners in 1991 before selling it to United Bank of Texas. In 2005, Bishop William Murphy of the Diocese of Rockville Centre appointed Ranieri to form Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, a non-profit organisation providing assistance to the Catholic schools in the diocese. The foundation has provided scholarships to thousands of families seeking Catholic education for their children.

Mark Rauenhorst
President, Marren Properties

Mark Rauenhorst, 60, is the president of Marren Properties. Prior to this role, he served as the CEO of Opus Corporation. Rauenhorst has also taken a keen interest in Catholic education. He serves on the board of directors of Ascension Catholic Academy, Catholic Relief Services, Creighton University, GHR Foundation and the Advisory Council for the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. In 2020, he and his wife, Karen, were presented with the

Notre Dame Award for outstanding contributions to Catholic education.

Peter Rex
Founder and CEO, Rex

Peter Rex, in his thirties, is the founder and CEO of Rex, a technology, investment and real-estate firm headquartered in Austin, Texas. Rex is a former seminarian who attended both Ave Maria University and Georgetown. Rex's Catholic faith has played a large role in his professional life; he sits on the board of visitors at the Catholic University of America's Busch School of Business and is a member of Legatus. In 2016, Rex helped found the Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School, providing a Catholic education to 175 low-income students.

Marcos A Rodriguez
Multimedia businessman

Marcos Rodriguez, 64, is the founder and CEO of numerous American media outlets including KLTY and KUUR, an FM radio station serving the Carbondale, Colorado area, and TV Aspen, KCXP-LP, a television station in Aspen, Colorado. He founded KLTY in Dallas, Texas in 1981; it became the nation's largest and most successful Christian radio station and set the example for all future Christian stations.

B Francis Saul
CEO, Saul Centers

Francis Saul is the CEO of Saul Centers, based in Bethesda, Maryland, a firm he inherited from his grandfather. In addition to his family company, he also owns The Hay-Adams, a five-star hotel across the road from the White House which brands itself as "discreetly luxurious". Throughout his life, Saul has given generously to Catholic causes. In 1991, Pope John Paul II awarded him the Pro Ecclesia et Pro Pontifice Medal.

Christine Schwarzman
Lawyer and philanthropist

Christine Schwarzman is the lawyer wife of Stephen Schwarzman, the founder and CEO of Blackstone. Christine, a Roman Catholic, married Schwarzmann (who is Jewish) in 1995 in an interfaith ceremony. In 2001, she introduced him to the late Archbishop of New York, Cardinal Edward Egan, and Schwarzman reportedly gave Egan financial advice to help the finances of the archdiocese. The Schwarzmans have been sponsoring students at Catholic schools for many years. In 2015, they donated \$40 million to help underprivileged students receive a Catholic education, and then welcomed Pope Francis to Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem, New York.

MacKenzie Scott
Philanthropist

MacKenzie Scott, 52, is a novelist and philanthropist who is the ex-wife of the former Amazon founder Jeff Bezos. At Princeton, she was taught by Toni Morrison, the Nobel Prize-winning Catholic novelist. Morrison introduced her to Jeff Bezos. Named as one of *Time's* 100 most influential people of 2020, she has signed the Giving Pledge. In 2021, she gave several million dollars to a multi-religious advocacy group, Faith in Public Life. The group, according to CNA, takes a "progressive" view in regards to the Catholic bishops' debate on the Eucharist and Catholic public figures.

"Discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities has been deepening, so we assessed organisations bridging divides through interfaith support and collaboration," said Scott in announcing the gift. We believe Scott was raised Catholic.

Her parents have been active members of the Florida Catholic



community for many years, attending galas for the Catholic charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach. Her mother Holly also serves on a parish committee at St Edward's Roman Catholic Church in Palm Beach. Scott has given substantial sums to homeless charities affiliated with the Catholic Church.

Antoun Nabil Sehnaoui
Entrepreneur

Antoun Nabil Sehnaoui, 49, is a Lebanese-American entrepreneur and producer. His ventures range from banking and real estate to tourism and film. He is the CEO of Société Générale de Banque au Liban and FIDUS Wealth management. He also founded Lebanon of Tomorrow, a charity dedicated to helping marginalised communities. Sehnaoui comes from a Greek Catholic background and arranged the St Charbal dedicated shrine at St Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

William E Simon
Chairman, the William
E Simon Foundation

William Simon is a businessman and politician who unsuccessfully ran for governor of California as a Republican in 2002. Currently, he serves as the chairman of the William E Simon Foundation and the Cynthia L & William E Simon Jr Foundation. He is also a visiting professor in the law school and economics department at UCLA. In 2011, he co-authored, along with Michael Novak, the book *Living the Call: An Introduction to the Lay Vocation*. This inspired him to launch his Parish Catalyst, a project helping priests revitalise parishes across the country.

From top: Daniel Keegan, Luci Baines Johnson, Andrew McKenna, Sam DiPiazza, William Orosz

Lisa & Justin Simpson
Philanthropists

Lisa and Justin Simpson are from the Bay Area, California. Simpson currently serves as the CEO of the Global Fund for Forgotten People, an initiative of the Order of Malta; prior to this, he held several senior positions at Morgan Stanley Investment Management. His wife, Lisa, serves as the current director for the Corporations and Society Initiative at Stanford University Graduate School of Business. She has held senior positions at media firms including NBC, CBS and Sony, and was regional campaign director for Ronald Reagan's 1984 presidential campaign.

Gabriela Smith
Chair, the Crimsonbridge
Foundation

Gabriela Smith is the founder and executive chair of the Crimsonbridge Foundation, one of the 2.3 per cent Hispanic-led foundations in the country. An entrepreneurial philanthropist and investor, she has 25 years of philanthropic experience and currently serves as a lay consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as president of the Catholic Association of Latino Leaders (Washington DC chapter), and as a member of the board of directors of FADICA, the premier Catholic philanthropy network. She is married with a son and two daughters.

J Albert "Tripp" Smith
Co-founder,
GSO Capital Partners

Albert "Tripp" Smith, 57, is the co-founder of GSO Capital Partners. After GSO's acquisition by the Blackstone Group in 2008, he remained as managing director until his departure from the company in 2018. Following

that, Smith founded Iron Park Capital Partners in 2019. In addition to his business career, he purchased a 10 per cent stake in the football club West Ham United, and currently serves as a non-executive director of the club. Smith comes from a Catholic background, having attended Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School and the University of Notre Dame.

Mark Thompson
Chairman, Ancestry
board of directors

Mark Thompson, 65 and residing in New York, is chairman of the board of directors of Ancestry, the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world. He is a former media executive, having been president and CEO of the New York Times Company, a former director-general of the BBC and was before that acting as the chief executive of Channel 4. He was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 2017. A Catholic, Thompson was educated at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire.

Michael J Wolohan
President, Wolohan
Family Foundation

Michael J Wolohan MD is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon who has practiced in Saginaw, Michigan, for the last 28 years; he received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Notre Dame. Wolohan is Ppresident of the Wolohan Family Foundation, chair of the board of FADICA and a member of the Catholic Relief Services Foundation Board. He currently serves as president of the Catholic Community Foundation of mid-Michigan; he has also been active in support of Saginaw Area Catholic Schools for many years.

Finance

Stephen Auth Chief investment officer, Federated Global Equities

Stephen Auth is a member of the Regnum Christi movement and sits on the national board of the Lumen Institute which he helped found in New York. Professionally, Auth serves as chief investment officer of Federated Global Equities, as well as executive vice-president of Federated Investors. He leads a team of more than 100 portfolio managers, analysts and traders who manage Federated's \$60+ billion in domestic and international equity investment products. Auth is a frequent guest and guest anchor on CNBC, Fox Business News and Bloomberg TV.

John J Brennan Former chairman, The Vanguard Group

John J Brennan, 64, served as chairman of The Vanguard Group, an American registered investment adviser with about \$7 trillion in global assets under management, from 1996 to 2009. Brennan was also chairman of the Investment Company Institute as well as previously chairing the board of trustees of the University of Notre Dame and the board of Catholic Investment.

John Castle CEO, Castle Harlan

John Castle, whose primary residence is in Palm Beach, Florida, is a pioneer in private-equity investing, a philanthropist in health and education and an adventurer. Castle's business career is long and distinguished.

He is chairman and CEO of Castle Harlan Inc. a private merchant bank with more than 42,000 employees, and also chairman and CEO of Branford Castle Inc, a firm that makes long-term investments in small- to medium-sized private companies. He serves on the board of St Patrick's Cathedral Landmark Foundation.

George P Clancy Former president and CEO, Signet Bank

George P Clancy Jr, 77, was president and CEO of Signet Bank, NA and senior executive vice-president of Signet Banking Corporation prior to joining Chevy Chase Bank in 1995. Clancy is a director of WGL Holdings Inc, Saul Centers Inc and Chevy Chase Trust Company. He is the founding chairman of the Catholic Charities Foundation and serves on the board of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. He is also a trustee of the University of Maryland College Park Foundation. He received a BA in English from UMCP in 1967 and an MBA from Loyola College in 1980.

Glenn Creamer Senior MD, Providence Equity Partners

Glenn Creamer, 60, is a senior managing director of Providence Equity Partners, a global private-equity firm based in Rhode Island which manages funds of around \$27 billion in commitments. He currently serves as a director of Catholic Relief Services, the

international humanitarian agency; he is also the vice-chairman and treasurer of the Catholic Relief Services Foundation. Creamer is also a financial adviser to Bishop Thomas Tobin of Providence, and a member of the Papal Foundation.

Gerard Cuddy President and CEO, Beneficial Bank

Gerard Cuddy joined Beneficial Bank in 2006 and was named president and CEO in January 2007. Under his leadership, Beneficial has focused on providing the bank's customers with the tools and knowledge to help them do the right thing financially.



Cuddy is a board member of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts; his awards include the Distinguished Catholic Graduate Award and the American Catholic Historical Society's Barry Award.

Robert Del Genio Senior MD, FTI Consulting

Robert Del Genio is a leader in restructuring and mergers and acquisitions with over 35 years of experience. Within FTI Consulting, Del Genio is co-leader of the corporate finance and restructuring segment's New York metro region; he specialises in advising companies, lenders, creditors, corporate boards and equity sponsors across a diverse range of industries. Del Genio currently serves on the board of directors of Panavision and on the University of Notre Dame Undergraduate Experience Advisory Council. He served as chairman of St Agnes Finance Council in Greenwich, CT for 24 years. He also has also served as a sponsor in the Student-Sponsor Partnership programme at Cardinal Hayes High School. Del Genio is a recipient of the St Augustine Medal of Service from the St Agnes Parish (Diocese of Bridgeport). He was recently awarded the 2022 St Francis Service Award from Catholic Renewal in association with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

J Christopher Donahue CEO, Federated Investors

Christopher Donahue serves as president and CEO of Federated Investors, one of the US's largest investment management and financial services companies with over \$50 billion in assets. Donahue graduated from Phillips Academy in 1967, Princeton University in 1971 and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1974. He is chairman of the boards of St

Vincent College, Lumen Institute and the Extra Mile Education Foundation, and serves on the boards of Allegheny Conference on Community Development and World Affairs Council.

Louis T Donatelli Founder and chairman, Donatelli Development

Louis Donatelli started his professional career in the stock-brokerage and investment banking business. In 1969 he formed Donatelli, Rudolph & Schoen, a DC-based stock brokerage firm and in 1973 he formed Donatelli & Klein Inc to invest in and develop real estate. Donatelli serves on the board and has received the President's Medal from his alma mater, St John's College High School. He is an alumnus of Villanova University, where for nine years he served on its board of trustees, was a member of the executive committee and received the President's Medal. He is a member of the Order of Malta and is affiliated with Associated Catholic Charities, which benefits needy families in the Washington area. In 2009 he received the Catholic Business Man of the Year Award.

Mary Callahan Erdoes CEO, JPMorgan Asset & Wealth Management

Mary Callahan Erdoes, 55, is CEO of JPMorgan's Asset & Wealth Management line of business with \$2.4 trillion in assets. A practising Catholic, Erdoes is an alumna of the all-girls Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart and also a graduate of Georgetown University and Harvard Business School. She is a board member of Robin Hood, the US Fund for UNICEF.

Charles Feeney Co-founder, Duty Free Shoppers Group

Charles "Chuck" Feeney, 91, is an

Irish-American businessman and philanthropist who made his fortune as a co-founder of the Hong Kong-based luxury retail provider Duty Free Shoppers Group. He is also the founder of The Atlantic Philanthropies, one of the largest private charitable foundations in the world. Feeney has given away more than \$8 billion. He graduated from St Mary of the Assumption High School in Elizabeth, NJ, in 1949 and has credited his charitable spirit to his education there. His donation in 2016 of \$250,000 was the largest in the school's history from a single contributor.

José Enrique Fernández Former CEO and president, Oriental Bank

José Enrique Fernández served as president and CEO of Oriental Financial Group from 1996 to 2004, and as president and CEO of Oriental Bank from 1988 to 2004. He transformed Oriental into the multibillion-dollar institution it is today, providing a complete range of consumer and commercial banking solutions throughout Puerto Rico. Pope John Paul II awarded him the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice in 2005.

David Fischer President, St Joseph GP

David Fischer has been president of management consultants St Joseph GP since 2011. He is on the board of directors for Catholics Come Home, the Augustine Institute, the Papal Foundation and St Michael's Abbey Foundation. He is also on the advisory board for the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame. He is a member of Legatus, and of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He received a BBA degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1989; he is married to Lisa, with whom he has four children.

James P Flaherty Co-founder, BlackRock Capital

After graduating from Fordham University, where he retains deep connections, James Flaherty went on to become chief executive for American Express's Europe, Middle East and Africa operations. He founded Pareto Partners, a London-based firm at which he managed \$8 billion in assets. He later co-founded BlackRock Capital and today serves as managing partner of London-based Cannon Capital Partners.

Mario Gabelli Founder, Gabelli Asset Management Company Investors

Mario Gabelli, 80, is a successful stock investor and financial analyst. He is the founder, chairman and CEO of Gabelli Asset Management Company Investors, an investment firm headquartered in New York. In 1965, Gabelli won a scholarship and graduated from Fordham University summa cum laude. In both September 2010 and December 2020, Fordham University announced that Gabelli, through the Gabelli Foundation, had made the largest gifts in the university's history, with donations of \$25 million and \$35 million.

John Galvin Founder, Triskelion Consulting

San Francisco resident John Galvin started Triskelion Consulting with a focus on leadership coaching and business consulting; he has a track record in guiding organisations through major transformations. Galvin's parents were born in County Kerry, but met and married in New York. After a long and successful career in tech, Galvin now brings hard work to others as a leadership coach to help them pursue their dreams.



Olivier de Givenchy Head, JPMorgan in LA

Olivier de Givenchy is the West Region Head for JPMorgan's Private Bank and oversees offices in California, Washington, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Colorado. Prior to this, he ran JPMorgan Private Bank in the UK, Ireland and the Nordics and was CEO and chairman of the board of JPMorgan International Bank. He is a member of the international committee of San Patrignano, an Italian charitable organisation. Between 2006-13, de Givenchy served as chairman of Children in Crisis and remains lifetime vice president. The charity works with local communities in ten countries to provide educational opportunities for vulnerable children. He is an ambassador of the Blue Marine Foundation which was founded in 2010 to increase the percentage of protected ocean to 10 per cent over the next decade. He sits on the board of the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures and on the Getty Museum Director's Council. He is the nephew of Hubert de Givenchy, who founded House of Givenchy in 1952. He is married to Zoë, the founder of the design brand Z.d.G., with whom he has two children.

From top: Robert Del Genio, Leslie Quick, Niall J Gannon

Niall J Gannon
Financial adviser

Niall Gannon has been recognised as one of the US's top 100 financial advisers by Barron's and Registered Rep. He has appeared on CNBC and NPR and been quoted in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *Barron's*. His research has been featured or quoted in ten books and academic articles by other authors. Gannon is affiliated through various roles with the Institute for Private Investors, CFA Institute Committee for Investment Policy and the Papal Foundation, Roman Catholic Foundation, and Cor Jesu Academy. He co-founded the Rev James Kiser Children's clinic in the village of Bolo, Kenya. He has also received the Silver Congressional Award, the President's Volunteer Service Award, and is a member of the Order of St Louis the King in the Archdiocese of St Louis.

David Glidden
CEO, Liberty Bank

David Glidden is President and CEO of Liberty Bank of Middletown, Connecticut, and a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Liberty Bank Foundation. With \$7.4 billion in assets, Liberty is one of the oldest and largest mutual banks in the country and was named the 2021 Best-in-State Bank in Connecticut by *Forbes*. Glidden has also been a long-time active philanthropist with numerous charitable organisations including the archdioceses of Hartford, CT and Springfield, MA.

John R Greed
President, Mutual of America Life Insurance Company

John R Greed is president and CEO of Mutual of America Life Insurance Company. Previously he was Mutual of America's senior executive vice-president

and chief financial officer. Greed joined Mutual of America in 1996 after 14 years at Arthur Andersen, where he had risen to partner. He currently serves on the board and executive committee of the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America, the board of the Life Insurance Council of New York, and the board of trustees of La Salle University. He is also a member of the Archdiocese of New York's finance council.

David Hanna
CEO and co-founder, Atlanticus Holdings Corporation

David Hanna is CEO, chairman of the Board, and a co-founder of Atlanticus Holdings Corporation. Atlanticus has been a leader in developing and implementing consumer credit solutions since its foundation in 1996. In addition to his business experience, Hanna has been involved in numerous philanthropic activities. He is a trustee and co-founder of Holy Spirit Preparatory School in Atlanta, Georgia, and a member of the board of trustees of the Lumen Institute and the Knights of Malta; he is a past board member of Catholic Charities of Atlanta, and St Jude Children's Research Hospital, in Memphis, Tennessee.

James A Hislop
Co-founder and MD, Penske Capital Partners and Transportation Resource Partners

James A Hislop is a co-founder and managing director of two private-equity investment firms: Penske Capital Partners and Transportation Resource Partners. These firms have raised five investment funds since 1997 and lead over \$1 billion of primarily control equity investments in the transportation industry. Hislop is also vice-chairman and managing director of Lumen Institute, and



From top: Vincenzo La Ruffa, Brian Moynihan, Jim O'Donnell



Alfred F Kelly
CEO, Visa

New York resident Alfred F Kelly Jr, 62, is the CEO of Visa. In 2015 he served as chair of Pope Francis's visit to New York City. Previously, Kelly held senior positions at American Express for 23 years, including serving as president. Kelly serves on the board of directors of Visa as well as several entities in the Archdiocese of New York. He is chairman of the board of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, and also a trustee of New York Presbyterian Hospital and of Boston College.



Vincenzo La Ruffa
President, Aquiline

Vincenzo La Ruffa is president of Aquiline, a financial-technology and services group. Previously he was managing director of Susquehanna Growth Equity, a group he co-founded, where he invested in financial technology, healthcare IT and software companies. La Ruffa is regularly one of the major annual donors to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He serves as a trustee of the Collegium Institute on Catholic Thought and Culture at the University of Pennsylvania, the Montfort Academy and the National Catholic Bioethics Center. He is also co-chair of Regina Angelorum Academy, a private school that teaches "a Catholic classical curriculum", located in Ardmore, PA, where he hosted Cardinal Müller in October 2021.

Sean Kelleher
President, Wall Street Access

As president of Wall Street Access, Sean Kelleher has helped guide the firm through successful ventures in online brokerage, institutional research, fixed-income and asset management. A graduate of Wagner College, Kelleher serves on the college's alumni board. He is actively involved in New World Preparatory Charter School, Camp Good Grief and Project Hospitality. He lives on Staten Island, New York, with his wife, Wendy, and their three children.

in their defence of the faith and in the preservation of Catholic catechism, education and tradition.

Peter Lynch
Investor and philanthropist

Peter Lynch, 78, is an investor, mutual fund manager and philanthropist. As the manager of the Magellan Fund at Fidelity Investments, Lynch aided in making it the best-performing mutual fund in the world. The Lynch Foundation, valued at \$125 million, has made \$80 million in grants since its inception. The foundation supports education, religious organisations, cultural and historical organisations, hospitals and medical research. Lynch attended Boston College, to whom he gave \$10 million and whose School of Education and Human Development carries his name.

Scott Malpass
Co-founder, Catholic Investment Services

Catholic Investment Services co-founder and board chair Scott Malpass is the recently-retired chief investment officer at the University of Notre Dame, responsible for investment of the university's endowment, working capital, pension and life-income assets of some \$14 billion. He is a concurrent assistant professor of finance in the Mendoza College of Business at Notre Dame. Malpass is a director or advisory council member for several investment and charitable organisations; he was recently appointed to the board of the Vatican Bank by Pope Francis.

Mark McCaffrey
CFO, GoDaddy

Mark McCaffrey, who lives in San Jose, California, is GoDaddy's chief financial officer. Before joining GoDaddy, McCaffrey spent over 20 years holding various roles at PricewaterhouseCoopers

in the technology, media and telecommunications sector. A graduate of Pace University, McCaffrey was a board member at the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose and is president of the board at Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation.

Mary Mooney
MD, Virtu Financial

Mary Mooney is a managing partner at Virtu Financial, a leading provider of financial services and products which leverages cutting-edge technology to deliver liquidity to the global markets and innovative, transparent trading solutions to its clients. Prior to her time at Virtu, Mooney worked in the securities division at Goldman Sachs and at the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street. Mooney serves on the board of directors of the Alfred E Smith Memorial Foundation.

Brian Moynihan
Chairman and CEO, Bank of America

Brian Moynihan, 62, is chairman and CEO of Bank of America. He comes from an Irish-Catholic family of nine children; his brother Patrick served a missionary in Haiti. Their father was a research chemist with DuPont. After Brown, Moynihan graduated from Notre Dame Law School. He sits on the American Heart Association CEO Roundtable, the Business Council and the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board. He supports the Prince of Wales's Sustainable Markets Initiative, which was launched by the King in 2020. Moynihan sits on the Vatican Council for Inclusive Capitalism; he is married to Susan Berry and they have three children.

Kathleen Murphy
CEO, Fidelity Investments

Kathleen Murphy, 59, is a senior

adviser to the CEO of Fidelity Investments, a board member at Snyk Technologies and an advisory board member at Flipt RX. Murphy also sits on the board of directors of the Markle Foundation and is vice-chairman of the board of directors of the National Football Foundation. She has been named among the 50 most powerful women in American business by *Fortune* and the 25 most powerful women in finance by *US Banker*.

Robert H Niehaus
Chairman and founder, Greenhill Capital Group

Robert H Niehaus is the chairman and founder of Greenhill Capital Group and has served in this role since 2000. A veteran in the field of private equity, he has over 35 years of experience and has previously held several senior positions at Morgan Stanley where he spent 17 years. Niehaus is a devout Catholic and serves as the chair of the New York Catholic Foundation and the Finance Committee of the Archdiocese of New York. He also serves on the board of trustees for the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History and has endowed the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance at his alma mater Princeton University.

Edward O'Brien III
Chairman, Sophis Investments

Edward O'Brien is chairman of Sophis Investments in New York. He has held senior roles in the financial sector at companies such as Prudential Bache Securities, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods and Guggenheim Securities. O'Brien is a practising Catholic and often assists at Mass with Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York. He has also been involved in several Catholic philanthropic and charitable activities, including serving as chairman of Fordham University's President's Council

Jim O'Donnell
CEO, Citi Global Wealth

Jim O'Donnell oversees all Citi Private Bank and Consumer Wealth clients and also its Global Wealth business. A graduate of Princeton, where he studied comparative religion, his faith is integral to his life and he nearly became a priest. At the age of 36, when CEO of HSBC's securities and global equities businesses, shuttling between London and New York, he resigned to join a seminary in Long Island. After 18 months wrestling over whether he had a vocation to the priesthood, O'Donnell decided he didn't share fully the Church's social teachings, so returned to his former life. This challenging formative experience made him determined, as an interviewer once revealed, both to "do well for himself and do good in the world". "While you definitely can't bring religion into the workplace, it's important to have a set of ethics to live by." Appointed in January 2021 after being Citi's head of Investor Sales, O'Donnell is one of New York's most successful and respected Irish-American bankers; he is equally at home in the boardroom or bar. He cites as the three most important aspects of his life his "family, faith and Irish heritage". In 2017 O'Donnell was recognised at the Ireland Funds Gala dinner in New York for his "business acumen and philanthropic commitment". This included his sponsorship of scholarships for underprivileged children to attend Catholic schools in the New York area.

Jim Perry
MD, Madison Dearborn Partners

Jim Perry is the managing director at Madison Dearborn Partners.

He previously worked with First Chicago Venture Capital and with First National Bank of Chicago. Perry serves on the boards of several other companies, including Asurion Corporation, Centennial Towers, The Topps Company and NexGen Capital Partners. A practising Catholic, he also serves on the board of the Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago and is a member of the Lumen Christi Institute.

Christopher F Poch
Private wealth investor

Chris Poch is a private wealth investor at Morgan Stanley. He is currently an adviser to several technology start-ups focusing on cybersecurity, fintech, and ag-tech. He began his career as a financial adviser in Washington DC then moved to New York. Chris is on the board of councillors of the American Association of Order of Malta and in Rome, the communications board of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John, of Jerusalem, Rhodes and of Malta, and the Human Services Foundation. He has also served on many boards and committees including the Society of the Sacred Heart. He and his wife Dee live in Bethesda, Maryland and have three daughters.

Philip J Purcell
Former chairman and CEO, Morgan Stanley

Philip J Purcell, 78, is a former chairman and CEO of Morgan Stanley. He previously worked at McKinsey and Co and served as the chairman and CEO of Dean Witter. While at Dean Witter, he was the chief architect of the firm's acquisition of Morgan Stanley. Purcell attended Judge Memorial Parochial Catholic High School and then the College of the Holy Cross and the University of Notre Dame. In October 2006 he contributed \$12.5 million for the renovation of

the Notre Dame basketball arena, which was renamed the Purcell Pavilion in his honour.

Leslie C Quick III
Founding partner, Simon Quick Advisors

Leslie C Quick is a founding partner of Simon Quick Advisors. A devout Catholic, Quick serves on the boards of Bishop's Finance Council for the Diocese of Metuchen, the Finance Council for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the Council for Economic Affairs of the Order of Friars Minor in Rome Italy, the Sisters of St Francis of the Neumann Communities, and the board of trustees of Saint Patrick's Cathedral. He is a trustee emeritus at St Bonaventure University.

Marcos A Rodriguez
CEO, Palladium Equity Partners

Marcos A Rodriguez is the founder, chairman and CEO of Palladium Equity Partners in New York. He also serves on the boards of Taco Bueno, Castro Cheese, the New York Presbyterian Hospital and the Robert Toigo Foundation. Prior to his career in private equity, Rodriguez worked in operations for General Electric Company in the US, Mexico and France.

Vincent Viola
Founder and chairman, Virtu Financial

New Yorker Vincent Viola, 66, is the founder and chairman of Virtu Financial. He graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1977 and served in the 101st Airborne Division. After military service, Viola joined the New York Mercantile Exchange and served as its chairman. In 2008 he founded Virtu Financial and took the company public in 2015. He owns the Florida Panthers Hockey Club and co-owns Always Dreaming, the 2017 Kentucky Derby winner.



Law & Justice

Samuel Alito
Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Samuel Alito, 72, is an American lawyer, devout Catholic and jurist who serves as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was nominated by President George W Bush in 2005, and has served since 31 January, 2006. He is the 11th Roman Catholic and also, after Antonin Scalia, the second Italian-American justice to serve on the US Supreme Court. Alito wrote the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v Wade and delivered a speech to the Religious Liberty Conference on 21 July saying that religious freedom was "under attack in many places because it is dangerous to those who want to hold complete power".

Carl A Anderson
Lawyer and former supreme knight of Columbus

Carl Anderson, 71, is a lawyer who, until 2021, was the 13th supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus. He is a board member of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Catholic University of America and the National Catholic Educational Association. Anderson is also vice president of the Washington session of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

Clockwise from top: Amy Coney Barrett, Samuel Alito, Nina Shea, Noel Francisco, Brett Kavanaugh

Amy Coney Barrett
Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Amy Coney Barrett, 50, is an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. She is the fifth woman to serve on the court after receiving the nomination from former president Donald Trump in 2020. Before and while serving on the federal bench, she has been a professor of law at Notre Dame Law School. In June 2022, Barrett voted to completely overturn Roe v Wade and Planned Parenthood v Casey. In June 2021, Barrett joined a unanimous decision in *Fulton v City of Philadelphia*, ruling in favour of a Catholic social service agency denied funding from the City of Philadelphia because it does not adopt to same-sex couples.

Noel Francisco
Former US Solicitor General

Noel Francisco, 53, is a senior Jones Day lawyer in DC who served as 47th Solicitor General of the USA under Donald Trump from 2017-20. He is the first Asian-American to hold the position. His Philippine father immigrated to America to become a doctor in New York. He is married with two daughters, lives in Washington, and has served on the board of the Lumen Christi Institute.

Peter J Johnson Jr
President, Leahey & Johnson

Peter James Johnson Jr is president of Leahey & Johnson in New York, where he has earned a reputation for excellence as a

trial lawyer, appellate lawyer and litigator. He has represented and championed the causes of families who lost loved ones in the police and fire services and has been an outspoken advocate for the victims



Stephen Brogan
Managing partner, Jones Day

Steve Brogan, a law graduate of Notre Dame and Boston College, is one of the most influential and respected Catholics in Washington. As managing partner of Jones Day, he has overseen the firm for 20 years with a CEO-like role over the firm's 40-plus global offices (he closed its Moscow doors in 2019). The *New York Times* has described the firm as a "global Goliath... bringing all the ruthless energy and creativity of corporate law to the political realm". With 13 of his firm's lawyers forming part of the Trump administration, including former White House counsel Don McGahn, the firm under Brogan has exercised unrivalled access and power in Washington. The firm has also played an influential role in filling US courts with conservative Federalist Society judges.

The son of a New York police officer, Brogan's faith is a key to what drives him. He is a "hardcore Catholic and that is the bedrock of who he is", a Jones Day source told the *New York Times* in a 2022 profile of the firm. Under Brogan, Jones Day has also shown strong moral leadership in terms of taking on ideological appeal cases and helping the needy and vulnerable in a wide range of international and domestic causes including Ukraine, human trafficking, the rule of law in Africa and border immigration.

Just days after Russia invaded Ukraine, Brogan established a Ukraine task force of lawyers across the US, Europe and the Middle East. This has made charitable contributions and legal assistance to refugees, taken in Ukrainian law students and supported efforts to rebuild the country.

Brogan notably represented the Roman Catholic Church in its litigation battle against President Obama's health insurance law. This ruled that employers had to cover the cost of contraception. In June 2017, the Justice Department overruled this, with Jones Day donating its services to the Catholic groups it represented who filed lawsuits. He is one of America's leading corporate lawyers dealing in complex litigation matters. Now aged around 70, he is reported to be handpicking his successor just as Patrick McCartan, his predecessor, did in appointing 50-year-old Brogan in 2002. Both lawyers share close ties to the University of Notre Dame: Brogan serves on its board of trustees, which McCartan once chaired.

of the September 11 attacks. He is an honorary deputy chief of the New York Fire Department and a former director and a past honoree of the Catholic Interracial Council.



Leonard Leo
Lawyer and conservative legal activist

Leonard A Leo, 57, is a lawyer and conservative legal activist. He is co-chairman and former executive vice president of the Federalist Society, joining the organisation over 25 years ago. Leo assisted Clarence Thomas in his Supreme Court confirmation hearings and led campaigns to support the Supreme Court nominations of John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett. He has served as national co-chairman of Catholic outreach for the Republican National Committee, and as the 2004 Bush presidential campaign's Catholic strategist. He was appointed by President George W Bush and the United States Senate to three terms on the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Leo is a board member of the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast and he has served three terms on the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. He is also a Knight of Malta. He is known for wearing tailored suits and for carrying a pocket watch.

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Brett Kavanaugh
Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Brett Kavanaugh, 57, is an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was nominated by former president Donald Trump in 2018 and was confirmed on a closely contested vote in the US Senate. He was previously a US circuit judge of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He is of Irish Catholic descent on both sides of his family. He has helped serve meals to the homeless as part of church programmes and has tutored at the Washington Jesuit Academy, a Catholic private school in the District of Columbia.

Raymond Kelly
Former commissioner, New York City Police

Raymond Kelly, 81, is a former New York police commissioner. He is the longest-serving commissioner in the history of the NYPD and the first man to hold the post for two non-consecutive tenures. Kelly had spent 45 years in the NYPD, serving in 25 different commands. He was a Marine Corps Reserve colonel, director of police under the United Nations Mission in Haiti, and an Interpol vice president. Kelly graduated from Archbishop Molloy High School in 1959 and also holds a JD from the St John's University School of Law.

Charles LiMandri
Lawyer

Charles LiMandri, 66, is an American lawyer based in California. He famously litigated against the American Civil Liberties Union in the defence of the Mount Soledad Cross in San Diego. The case lasted 25 years. In 2002, he founded the Freedom of Conscience Defense Fund (FCDF) to aid in paying for his pro-

bono work on behalf of religious freedom. In 2021 he successfully litigated against the State of California before the United States Supreme Court to force the governor to open the churches for 40 million people. In 2022 he merged the FCDF into the Thomas More Society, a national Catholic public interest law firm that promotes and protects traditional family and pro-life values and the religious freedom of Christians, through litigation and educational programmes.

George D Molinsky
Partner, Taft Law

George D Molinsky is a partner at Taft Law in Cincinnati, where he specialises in corporate law. He is recognised by *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in corporate law and has been named lawyer of the year multiple times for his practice. Molinsky is a board member for Ruah Woods, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, The Brandery and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee. He attended the University of Notre Dame where he received his BA and his JD.

Thomas Moore
Senior partner, Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore

Thomas Moore is a senior partner at the New York law firm Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore. He is recognised as one of the best trial lawyers in the US and is known for winning nine out of ten cases. Moore has been named lawyer of the year multiple times by *Super Lawyers* magazine. In addition, he is a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, an elite group of the top 100 trial attorneys in the country. Moore attended the Catholic University of America and Fordham Law School. He has funded scholarships for Fordham and endowed a chair in trial advocacy.

John Roberts
17th chief justice, US Supreme Court

John Roberts, 67, has served as the 17th chief justice of the United States Supreme Court since his appointment by President George W Bush in 2005. Roberts one of 15 Catholic judges in the Supreme Court's history and one of six Catholic justices on the current Supreme Court. Yet despite his Catholic faith and image as a conservative justice, Roberts has often compromised with the court's liberals on social issues. He has voted in favour of certain restrictions to abortion, but he was not in favour of overturning *Roe v Wade*.

Joseph E Schmitz
Former executive, Blackwater Worldwide

Joseph E Schmitz, 66, is a lawyer, former executive at Blackwater Worldwide and also a former inspector general of the United States Department of Defence. In addition, Schmitz served in the US Navy for four years, was an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University, and founded his own firm, Joseph Schmitz PLLC. Schmitz is also a member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

Nina Shea
Human rights lawyer

Nina Shea, 69, is an international human rights lawyer and Christian religious freedom advocate. She is the former director for the Center of Religious Freedom at Freedom House. Since 2006, Shea has held the position of senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and directs the Institute's Center for Religious Freedom. In 2009, she was appointed commissioner on the US National Commission to UNESCO. She was also the US delegate to the United Nations

Human Rights Council. She has authored two books on anti-Christian discrimination: *In the Lion's Den* and *Silenced*.

Sonia Sotomayor
Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Sonia Sotomayor, 68, has served on the United States Supreme Court since her appointment by President Barack Obama in 2009. She is the third woman and the first Hispanic to serve on America's highest court. Prior to her appointment, Sotomayor served on the US District Court for the Southern District of New York and on the US Appeals Court for the Second Circuit. Although raised in the Catholic faith, Sotomayor has constantly challenged Church teaching throughout her judicial career and has constantly ruled in favour of abortion and same-sex marriage.

Clarence Thomas
Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Clarence Thomas, 74, has served as a justice on the United States Supreme Court since his appointment by President George HW Bush in 1991. He is often described as the Supreme Court's most conservative justice. After falling away from his faith, he was reconciled with the Catholic Church in the mid-1990s. During his tenure as a Supreme Court justice, he has constantly defended Church teaching on marriage and family. He wrote a dissenting opinion in the 2015 *Obergefell v Hodges* case which legalised same-sex marriage, and he wrote a concurring opinion in the 2022 *Dobbs v Jackson* case which overturned *Roe v Wade*.

Above right, Joe Biden



Politics

William Barr
Former US attorney general

William Barr is an attorney who served as United States attorney general in the administrations of Presidents George Bush and Donald Trump. In the late 1990s he was a "Supreme Board Member" of the Knights of Columbus, but today he is just a member. For 21 years, Barr was also on the board of the DC-based Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

Joe and Jill Biden
President and First Lady of the United States

Joseph Biden, 79, is the 46th president of the United States and the second Catholic president, after John F Kennedy, and also a Democrat of Irish heritage. He served as the 47th vice president from 2009 to 2017. In 2016, Biden was awarded the Laetare Medal, considered the highest

honour for American Catholics, by the University of Notre Dame. Jill Biden, 71, is an American educator and the first lady of the United States. They both often make donations to Catholic charities and attend Mass but have been consistently criticised by members of the clergy – and Catholic lay leaders – for a voting and political record that does not reflect Catholic values, such as their stance on abortion.

Biden's election campaign was heavily supported by Planned Parenthood and he has called on Americans to make the overturning of *Roe v Wade* a political issue. In a 2021 cover story for the *Catholic Herald*, NYC priest Gerald Murray said that he would not give the president holy communion.

Biden had a 90-minute audience with the Holy Father at the Vatican in October 2021. He also has a photo of Pope Francis in the White House Oval Office.

John Boehner
Former speaker, US House of Representatives

John Boehner, 72, is a Catholic who grew up as one of 12 children. He is a former politician who served as the 53rd speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 2011 to 2015. A Republican, he was the representative for Ohio's 8th congressional district from 1991 to 2015. In 2016, Boehner was awarded the Laetare Medal by the University of Notre Dame.

Jeb Bush
Former governor of Florida

John "Jeb" Bush, 69 and from Houston, is a former politician and businessman who has previously served as the 43rd governor of Florida. He is the son of former president George HW Bush and former first lady Barbara Bush, and a younger brother of former president George W Bush. In 1995, Bush converted to Roman Catholicism and is now a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus.

Henry Cuellar
US representative for Texas

Henry Cuellar, 66, is an attorney and politician who has served as the US representative for Texas's 28th congressional district since 2005. He is widely considered to be one of the most conservative members of the Democratic Party. Cuellar has said that his Catholic faith has guided him throughout his political career.

Andrew Cuomo
Former New York mayor

Andrew Cuomo, 64, is an American lawyer and politician who served as the 56th governor of New York from 2011 to 2021. At the time of his resignation, he was the longest-serving governor in the United States still in position. Born

in Queens, New York City, Cuomo is a graduate of Fordham University and Albany Law School. He is a Roman Catholic but has positioned himself in favour of abortion rights and same-sex marriage. His father Mario, also once mayor of New York, was a devout and publicly self-proclaimed Catholic, as is Andrew's brother Chris.

Marjorie Dannenfelser
President, Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America

Marjorie Dannenfelser, 56, is the president of Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America, a non-profit organisation that seeks to reduce and ultimately end abortion in the US by supporting anti-abortion politicians, primarily women. She was brought into the organisation as its executive director in 1993. Although she grew up as an Episcopalian, she converted to Catholicism and adopted an anti-abortion stance while attending Duke University.

Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida

Ronald DeSantis, 44, is a practising Catholic and an attorney and politician who has served as the 46th governor of Florida since 2019. Before this, DeSantis represented Florida's 6th district in the US House of Representatives for five years. DeSantis joined the United States Navy in 2004 and was promoted to lieutenant before being deployed to Iraq in 2007. DeSantis attended Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School and Dunedin High School, graduating in 1997.

Miguel H Díaz
Former US ambassador to the Holy See

Miguel Díaz, 59, is a theologian and diplomat who served as United States ambassador to the Holy See from 2009 to 2012, following the nomination by

President Barack Obama. He was the first Hispanic US ambassador accredited to the Holy See. Díaz holds the John Courtney Murray, SJ, University Chair in Public Service at Loyola University Chicago. He has authored several books and is the co-editor of *Disruptive Cartographers: Doing Theology Latinamente*. He is a contributor to the "Theology en la Plaza" column for the *National Catholic Reporter*. As part of his commitment to human rights, he participates in diplomatic initiatives in Washington DC, including being a member of the Atlantic Council, a member of the Ambassadors Circle at the National Democratic Institute, and a member of the board and senior fellow for Religion and Peacebuilding for the Alliance for Peacebuilding. Díaz holds a PhD in Systematic Theology from the University of Notre Dame.

Joe Donnelly
US ambassador to the Holy See

Joseph Donnelly, 66, is an American attorney, politician and diplomat who served as a US senator from Indiana from 2013 to 2019. Since 2022, he has served as the US ambassador to the Holy See. Born in Massapequa, New York, Donnelly graduated from the University of Notre Dame. Donnelly met his wife, Jill, while attending Notre Dame; the two married in 1979. They have two children.

Catherine Glenn Foster
President and CEO, Americans United for Life

Catherine Glenn Foster, JD, serves as president and CEO of Americans United for Life. Americans United for Life is US's original national pro-life organisation, the nation's premier pro-life legal team whose strategists have been involved in every pro-life case before the US Supreme Court since Roe v Wade.

Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York

Kathleen Hochul, 64, is an American lawyer and politician who has served as the 57th governor of New York since 2021. A Democrat, she is New York's first female governor. Her family is of Irish Catholic descent. She received her BA in political science from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University in 1980 and a JD from the Catholic University Columbus School of Law in 1984. She is proudly pro-choice.

John Hoeven
Senator, North Dakota

John Hoeven, 65, is a banker and Republican politician who has served as the senior US senator from North Dakota since 2011 and as the 31st governor of North Dakota from 2000 to 2010. Before being elected governor, Hoeven was a banker who undertook numerous executive roles at various banks. He is on the board of directors at First Western Bank & Trust, and with an estimated net worth of \$45 million, he is one of the wealthiest US senators. As a Catholic, he takes both an anti-same-sex marriage and pro-life stance and votes accordingly.

John Kerry
US special presidential envoy for climate

John Kerry, 78 and from Massachusetts, is an American attorney, politician and diplomat who is the first United States special presidential envoy for climate. A member of Boston's influential Forbes family and the Democratic Party, he served as the 68th US secretary of state from 2013-2017 under Barack Obama. Kerry came to public attention as a decorated naval officer and Vietnam veteran turned anti-war activist. He is said to have carried a religious rosary, a prayer book,

and a St Christopher medal when he campaigned. At school he considered becoming a priest.

Alan Keyes
Political activist and former ambassador

Alan Keyes, 72, is an American conservative political activist, author and former ambassador. He has run for president of the United States three times and has served on the board of advisers for the Catholic League, a non-profit Catholic advocacy group headed by William Donohue. Keyes is a traditional Catholic and a third-degree Knight of Columbus.

Wayne LaPierre
CEO and VP, the National Rifle Association of America

Wayne LaPierre, 72, is an American gun rights lobbyist who was raised in the Catholic Church. He is CEO and executive VP of the National Rifle Association of America, one of the most influential advocacy groups in the USA, a position he has held since 1991.

Leon Panetta
Former US Secretary of Defence

Leon Panetta, 84 and a resident of California, served as US Secretary of Defence under President Barack Obama from 2011-13. He previously served as director of the CIA and White House chief of staff. He oversaw the operation that brought down Osama bin Laden in 2011.

Panetta also served as Director of the Office of Management and Budget under President Bill Clinton, and as a representative from California. He currently serves as the chairman for the Panetta Institute of Public Policy. Panetta is the son of Italian immigrants and, growing up, attended two Catholic grammar schools.



Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, US House of Representatives

Nancy Pelosi, 82, is the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, a position she previously also held from 2007-11. She is the first woman to hold the position. She previously served as a US Representative from California since 1987. Before her election to Congress, Pelosi chaired the California Democratic Party from 1983-87. Although she claims to be a devout Catholic and often speaks about her faith, she has spent much of her political life in opposition to Church teachings on abortion and same-sex marriage. In 2022, her archbishop Salvatore Cordileone barred her from receiving communion in his San Francisco diocese over her support for abortion, yet a month later she received holy communion at a papal Mass at the Vatican.

Mike Rounds
Junior US senator, South Dakota

Michael Rounds, 67, is an American businessman and politician serving as the junior US senator from South Dakota since 2015. In 2014, Rounds was elected to the United States Senate, succeeding retiring Democrat Tim Johnson. As a Catholic, Rounds promotes a pro-life view and is also a member of Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Pierre, South Dakota.

Jim Risch
Junior US senator, Idaho

Jim Risch, 79, has served as the junior United States senator from Idaho since 2009. He previously served as lieutenant governor of Idaho from 2003-06 and 2007-09,

From top: Catherine Glenn Foster, John Kerry, Marco Rubio, Wayne LaPierre, Paul Ryan



and as governor of Idaho from 2006-07. Risch has a grade A Catholic voting record. He has been a constant supporter of pro-life legislation and co-sponsored the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, which would have made it illegal for a minor to cross state lines for an abortion.

Marco Rubio
Senior US senator, Florida

Marco Rubio, 51, has served as the senior United States senator from Florida since 2011. He was Speaker of the House for the Florida House of Representatives from 2006 to 2008. In 2016, Rubio unsuccessfully ran for the Republican presidential nomination. He attends Mass at Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, Florida. His Catholic faith has influenced his political philosophy and congressional career. He is a staunch opponent of abortion and has said he disagrees with the 2015 Obergefell v Hodges Supreme Court decision which legalised same-sex marriage.

Paul Ryan
Former Speaker, US House of Representatives

Paul Ryan, 52, served as the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 2015-19. He was the vice-presidential nominee in the 2012 presidential election, running alongside Mitt Romney. Ryan is a Catholic and attends St John Vianney Church in Janesville, WI. His faith has informed his political career. He opposes abortion and same-sex marriage, yet he does favour same-sex civil unions.

Rick Santorum
Former US senator, Pennsylvania

Rick Santorum, 64, served as a United States senator from Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2007



and was the Senate's third-ranking Republican from 2001-07. He ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 2012, finishing second behind Mitt Romney, and ran again in 2016. Santorum calls himself a culture warrior and a true Christian conservative. He has supported pro-life legislation throughout his career, proposed a ban on pornography, and has opposed same-sex marriage.

Steve Scalise
US House of Representatives Minority Whip

Steve Scalise, 56, is the United States House of Representatives Minority Whip and representative for Louisiana's 1st congressional district. He comes from an Italian-Catholic background and his faith has been a driving factor in his political career. He staunchly opposes same-sex marriage. In 2017, Scalise was shot by a left-wing extremist during practice for the Republican team's annual congressional baseball game. Scalise survived the shooting and has written about how the incident strengthened his faith.

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Dan Sullivan
Senator, Alaska

Dan Sullivan, 57, has served as a Republican senator from Alaska since 2015. He previously served as Alaska's Attorney General. Senator Sullivan comes from a Catholic family and as such is generally pro-life, except in the cases of rape, incest or risk to the mother, and he opposes same-sex marriage.

Pat Toomey
Senator, Pennsylvania

Pat Toomey, 60, has served as a Republican senator from Pennsylvania since 2011. He previously served as a member of the US House of Representatives from 1999 to 2005. In addition to his work in politics, Toomey has worked in the financial services industry, served as president of the Club for Growth and owned and operated a small restaurant chain in the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania. Toomey comes from a Catholic family, being the third of six children of Catholic parents of Irish and Portuguese descent. Toomey is staunchly pro-life, and has consistently supported measures to either restrict or ban abortion during his time in the Senate.

Melania Trump
Former first lady

Melania Trump, 52, is a Slovenian-born former model and businesswoman who was first lady of the United States under President Donald Trump, whom she married in 2005. Raised Catholic, Trump identifies as Catholic and was only the second Catholic first lady in the United States. In 2017, she visited the Vatican with the president on an official visit and met Pope Francis. During this visit, Pope Francis blessed her rosary beads, and she placed flowers at the feet of a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Vatican children's hospital.

Education

Mark Bradford
Executive director,
Regina Academies

Mark Bradford, who lives in Pennsylvania, is the executive director of the Regina Academies, a network of Philadelphia-area schools offering Catholic classical education for students from pre-kindergarten to grade 12. Bradford worked for ten years at St Charles Borromeo Seminary and then served as headmaster of a parent-founded, Catholic K-12 classical academy in western Pennsylvania.

John J DeGioia
President
Georgetown University

John J DeGioia, 65, is an academic administrator, philosopher and member of the Order of Malta. He has been the first lay president of Georgetown University in Washington DC since his appointment in 2001. He was also the first lay president of any Jesuit university in America. He is currently Georgetown's longest-serving president. In 1994, he married his wife Theresa at Holy Trinity Church in a ceremony presided over by DeGioia's uncle, John Begley, a Jesuit priest. Though he may not identify as a public Catholic leader, DeGioia is a Catholic running an important liberal-leaning Catholic university.

Mary Ann Glendon
Professor of law,
Harvard Law School

Mary Ann Glendon is a highly influential Catholic thought leader who famously declined to receive Notre Dame's Laetare Medal on

account of the university inviting Barack Obama as key speaker and giving him an honorary degree. She argued that endorsing Obama was contradictory to the Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2004 decree that Catholic institutions should not give "awards, honours, or platforms" to "those who act in defiance of [Catholic] fundamental moral principles." She is the recipient of the National Humanities Medal and an expert on bioethics and human rights in international law. She is pro-life and a strong advocate of any legal expansion of abortion rights. She has taught at Boston College Law School and Harvard Law School. From 2008-09, she was US ambassador to the Holy See. In 2013, Pope Francis named Glendon a member of the Pontifical Commission of inquiry into the Vatican Bank. She resigned in 2018. She is on the board of directors for *First Things*. In 2018, she was finally honoured by Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture with their Evangelium Vitae Medal. She has three daughters.

Peter Kilpatrick
President, Catholic
University of America

Peter Kilpatrick, the 16th president of the Catholic University of America in Washington DC, is an experienced leader, educator and scholar. He is widely published and holds or shares 12 patents in chemical engineering. He began his career at North Carolina State University and, after 24 years, was recruited by the University of Notre Dame to be dean of engineering.

From top: Mary Ann Glendon, John J DeGioia. Opposite: Sohrab Ahmari

Since 2018, he has been the provost and vice president for academic affairs for the Illinois Institute of Technology, an institution dedicated to lifting up people of all backgrounds. Combining research and faith is important to Kilpatrick, who became Catholic as an adult.

Peter Kreeft
Professor of philosophy,
Boston College

Peter John Kreeft, 85, is a professor of philosophy at Boston College and The King's College. A convert to Roman Catholicism, he is the author of over 80 books on Christian philosophy, theology and apologetics. He also formulated, together with Ronald K Tacelli, 20 arguments for the existence of God in their *Handbook of Christian Apologetics*.

Daniel Mahoney
Professor of politics,
Assumption College

Daniel Mahoney, professor emeritus of politics at Assumption



College Massachusetts, has written widely on politics and political thought, statesmanship, and religion and public life. He is a senior fellow at the Claremont Institute on statesmanship and political philosophy. In 1999, Mahoney was the recipient of the Prix Raymond Aron. He is the executive editor of *Perspectives on Political Science* and a senior writer at *Law and Liberty*. He is the author of several books and has written for *Crisis*, *First Things*, *The New Criterion*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. He is an authority on the French political philosopher Raymond Aron and the Russian novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

John T McGreevy
Provost,
University of Notre Dame

John McGreevy has been the Charles and Jill Fischer Provost of the University of Notre Dame (the second-highest rank) since July 2022. He was formerly the dean of the arts faculty from 2008 until 2018. A graduate of Notre Dame, McGreevy is an acclaimed historian, who is the Francis A McAnaney Professor of History at the university. He is married to Jean McManus, a librarian in Notre Dame's Hesburgh Libraries. He is the author of *Catholicism and American Freedom*.

Vincent Rougeau
President,
College of the Holy Cross

Vincent Rougeau is a legal scholar who currently serves as president of the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts; he is the first lay and first Black president in the history of the university. Rougeau has written extensively on law and religions with a particular focus on Catholic social teaching and the law. His book *Christians in the American Empire: Faith and Citizenship in the New World Order* came out in 2008. He is

a senior fellow at the Centre for Theology and Community in London.

Terrence M Sawyer
President,
Loyola University Maryland

Terrence M Sawyer has served as the 25th president of Loyola University Maryland since the start of 2022. Prior to working at Loyola, Sawyer was an attorney for the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development and practised civil and criminal law in Baltimore City. He is a member of the Maryland State Bar. Sawyer and his wife are devout Catholics and parishioners at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Maryland.

Julie Sullivan
President,
Santa Clara University

Julie Sullivan is president of Santa Clara University in California. She is a leader in Catholic higher education and an internationally-recognised scholar in economics. She joined Santa Clara in 2022, having previously served as president of the University of St Thomas where she created dynamic academic programmes and championed social innovation. She is the first lay and first woman president in Santa Clara University's history.

Tania Tetlow
President,
Fordham University

Tania Tetlow is the 33rd president of Fordham University – the first layperson and woman to hold that office. She had been the 17th president of Loyola University New Orleans where she was the first woman and layperson to lead Loyola since the Society of Jesus founded it in 1912. A Catholic born in New York and raised in New Orleans, she has deep ties to the Jesuits and to Fordham.



Media

Sohrab Ahmari
Columnist, editor and
nonfiction author

Born in Tehran and based in New York, Sohrab Ahmari, 37, is co-founder of the online political magazine *Compact*, a former editorial writer for the *Wall Street Journal*, and former op-ed editor of the *New York Post*. He is an outspoken critic and has argued that politics and public discourse should be a forum of "war and enmity", with culturally conservative values being imposed on society. Ahmari is a contributing editor of the *Catholic Herald* which published the first account of his journey from atheism to Roman Catholicism in 2016. He is the author of *The New Philistines: How Identity Politics Disfigure the Arts*, a spiritual memoir, *From Fire, by Water* and *The Unbroken Thread: Discovering the Wisdom of Tradition in an Age of Chaos*.

John L Allen Jr
Editor, *Crux*

John L Allen Jr, 57, is founder and editor of the Roman Catholic-

oriented news site *Crux*. Allen also serves as a senior Vatican analyst for CNN, and has featured in coverage of the conclaves of 2005 and 2013. He is the author of 12 books about the Catholic Church and has written two biographies of Pope Benedict XVI.

Raymond Arroyo
Author, broadcaster
and EWTN host

Raymond Arroyo, 51 and a resident of New Orleans, is the news director and lead anchor of EWTN News, a division of the Eternal Word Television Network. He is also the creator and host of the programme *The World Over Live* and author of the Will Wilder series for young readers. Arroyo is a producer of the bestselling, all-star audio Bible, *The Word of Promise*.

Pete Bevacqua
Chairman, NBC Sports Group

New York native Pete Bevacqua is a corporate, media and sports executive. Since 2020, he has served as chairman of NBC Sports Group. Bevacqua formerly held the

role of president of NBC Sports Group and before that spent six years as the CEO of the PGA of America. Pete promotes Catholic morality within sport and is a board member of RISE, an alliance of sports organisations that promotes racial equality.

Arthur C Brooks
Harvard professor and columnist, *The Atlantic*

Arthur Brooks, 58, is a professor at Harvard as well as a successful author, public speaker and a columnist at *The Atlantic*. He focuses on the science of human happiness, stating that his mission is “lifting others up and bringing them together”. He has given over 1,400 speeches during his career and has interviewed high-profile figures such as Oprah, the Dalai Lama and Presidents George Bush and Barack Obama.

Elizabeth Bruenig
Writer, *The Atlantic*

Elizabeth Bruenig, 31, is a rising star of US journalism and a native of Texas. She has been described as a “Catholic, socialist, family-focused thinker”. She currently works as an opinion writer for *The Atlantic*. She previously worked for the *New York Times* and as an editor for the *Washington Post*. She was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 2019. As a Marshall Scholar, she studied at Jesus College, Cambridge, earning a master of philosophy degree in Christian theology.

Robert DeFrancesco
Executive director, Catholic Media Association

Robert DeFrancesco, who resides in Phoenix, is the executive director of Catholic Media Association. He is a mission-driven membership association leader and communications professional with two decades of leadership

Clockwise from top:
Laura Ingraham, Raymond Arroyo, Bill O'Reilly, Peggy Noonan, Pete Bevacqua

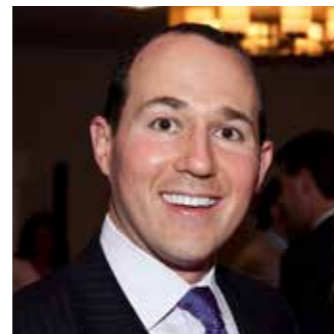
and media experience. The Catholic Media Association was established in 1911 and advocates for the value, effectiveness and identity of member publishers and organisations, journalists and media professionals throughout North America.

Stephen Doocy
TV host

Stephen Doocy, 65, is an American television host, political commentator and author. He is an anchor of *Fox & Friends* on the Fox News channel. Doocy has earned TV reporting and writing awards from the Associated Press, the Society of Professional Journalists and 11 Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He is married to Kathy Doocy, a former model and TV sports reporter, and is a Roman Catholic who serves as a lector in his church.

Ross Douthat
Columnist, *New York Times*

Ross Douthat, 42, is an American political analyst, blogger, author and *New York Times* columnist. He lives with his family in Connecticut. He was previously a senior editor of *The Atlantic*. He has written on a variety of topics, including the state of Christianity in America and “sustainable decadence” in contemporary society. As an adolescent, Douthat converted to Pentecostalism and then, with the rest of his family, to Catholicism. Douthat is also a non-resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. His seven books include *The Deep Places*, in which he revealed he suffers from chronic Lyme disease, and *To Change the Church: Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism*.



Matt Fradd
Catholic podcaster

Matt Fradd, who lives in Ohio, is the creator and host of the *Pints With Aquinas* podcast and *Love People Use Things* which are listened to by tens of thousands of people every month. He is the author and co-author of several books including, *Does God Exist? A Socratic Dialogue on the Five Ways of Thomas Aquinas* and *The Porn Myth: Exposing the Reality Behind the Fantasy of Pornography*.

Bryan Gruley
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

Bryan Gruley, 64, studied at the University of Notre Dame where he majored in American Studies and graduated in 1979. He retired in 2020 after 41 years in journalism, including stints at the *Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and the *Detroit News*. He is the author of five award-winning novels set in his home state of Michigan. He was schooled in Detroit, at Detroit Catholic Central.

Anne Hearst
Philanthropist and editor

Anne Hearst, 67, is an American socialite, philanthropist and publishing heiress. Hearst is also a contributing editor of *Town & Country*. She is one of the five daughters of Randolph Apperson Hearst, former president of the *San Francisco Examiner*. She is the granddaughter of newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst. Her mother was a devout Catholic and she is a sister to Patti Hearst who was kidnapped in 1974 by the Symbionese Liberation Army. She is married to the novelist Jay McInerney, of Catholic Irish heritage.

Trent Horn
Catholic media broadcaster

After his conversion to the Catholic

faith, Trent Horn earned master's degrees in the fields of theology, philosophy and bioethics. He serves as a staff apologist for Catholic Answers, where he specialises in teaching Catholics to persuasively engage those who disagree with them. Trent models that approach each week on the radio programme *Catholic Answers Live* and his own podcast *The Counsel of Trent*.

Laura Ingraham
Conservative television host

Laura Ingraham, 59 and a convert to Roman Catholicism, is an American conservative television host. She has been the host of *The Ingraham Angle* on Fox News since October 2017, and is the editor-in-chief of *LifeZette*. She formerly worked as a speechwriter in the Reagan administration before earning a JD degree and working as a judicial clerk in New York and then for US Supreme Court justice Clarence Thomas. She is an active philanthropist and often donates the proceeds from her website to several causes.

Roger Kimball
Writer, founder and editor, *The New Criterion*

Roger Kimball, 69, is an art critic and conservative social commentator. He is the editor and publisher of *The New Criterion* and the publisher of Encounter Books. Kimball has authored many books, most significantly *Tenured Radicals: How Politics Has Corrupted Our Higher Education*, for which he gained notoriety. He serves on the board of the Manhattan Institute and is chairman of the William F Buckley Jr Program.

Michael Knowles
Host, *The Michael Knowles Show*

Michael Knowles hosts *The Michael Knowles Show* on the Daily Wire

Christina Glorioso
Senior vice president, NBCUniversal Media



With over 25 years of experience in marketing and sales across the media, entertainment and technology industries, Christina Glorioso is passionate about supporting the less fortunate and has mentored hundreds of early- and mid-career professionals from Notre Dame, her alma mater, and around the industry. She currently serves on the Dean's Business Advisory Council of the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, and as co-chair of the Media and Entertainment Leadership Committee for the Film, Theatre and Television major. In these roles she advises on curriculum and connecting alumni to more fully support the student population.

She has previously served on the National Alumni Association Board and the Monogram Club board of directors. She is a native of Rockville Centre, NY and has four sons who are receiving a Catholic education at St Agnes Cathedral School.

She has connected both schools by sponsoring the annual Notre Dame Bread of Life Food Drive at St Agnes, encouraging young students to support the less fortunate in their community. At Notre Dame she was a former Fighting Irish student athletic manager and a “Double Domer” who received an undergraduate degree in finance and computer applications in 1995 and her MBA four years later.

She now oversees productivity and transformation as the head of the Center of Excellence at NBCUniversal Ad Sales. Prior to NBC, she has held various executive roles at various sports, media and gaming companies.

She is an influential philanthropist, mentor and role model to many Notre Dame graduates wanting to enter the entertainment world.

and *The Book Club* on PragerU. He also co-hosts *Verdict* with Ted Cruz. His writing has appeared in numerous outlets including the Daily Wire and Fox News. He appears regularly as a political analyst on TV news programmes. In 2020, Knowles was named a Lincoln Fellow by the Claremont Institute. He was raised a Catholic but fell away until he was at Yale University where he experienced a reconversion to the Church.

Kathryn Lopez
Senior fellow, the National Review Institute

Kathryn Jean Lopez is a senior fellow at the National Review Institute where she heads up the Center for Religion, Culture, and Civil Society. She is also editor-at-large of *National Review* magazine and speaks on faith in public life, virtue and prayer, often interviewing public figures such as Cardinal

Dolan at the Sheen Center for Thought and Culture in New York.

Taylor Marshall
Catholic YouTube commentator

Taylor Marshall, 44, is an American Catholic YouTube commentator with almost 400,000 subscribers. He is the author of multiple books, including the 2019 self-published *Infiltration: The Plot to Destroy the Church from Within*. After studying at Westminster Theological Seminary and Nashotah House, Marshall was ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church. In 2006, he and his wife Joy converted to Catholicism.

William McGurn
Former White House speechwriting director

William McGurn, 63, is a leading Conservative political and cultural commentator with the *Wall Street Journal*, and other outlets, who writes on Catholic affairs. He has voiced concerns over Pope Francis's progressive agenda, especially in remarks relating to same-sex marriage, contraception and abortion. McGurn has said it is dispiriting when "the faithful have to explain away a pope's words by saying he didn't mean them" and that "the pope has invited much of the confusion himself".

McGurn was chief speechwriter for President George W Bush from June 2006 until February 2008. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1981 and later from Boston University. He joined News Corporation in 2009 after Rupert Murdoch bought the *Wall Street Journal* in 2007, becoming speechwriter for Murdoch and News Corp. He has been editorial page editor of the *New York Post* and in 2015 rejoined the *Wall Street Journal* where he now writes the "Main Street" column and is an executive. McGurn and his wife, Julie Hoffman, live in

New Jersey. When they lived in Hong Kong they adopted three daughters from China.

Diane Montagna
Vatican commentator

Diane Montagna is a Vatican journalist based in Rome. She contributes to the *Catholic Herald* and is the co-author of Father Gerald Murray's bestselling memoir and spiritual guide *Calming the Storm: Navigating the Church in a Time of Crisis*. She has been a Vatican correspondent since 2014 and has worked as a translator for *L'Osservatore Romano* as well as Bishop Schneider's book *The Catholic Mass*. She is a regular Vatican commentator for international TV networks.

Robert Moynihan
Founder and editor-in-chief, Inside the Vatican

Robert Moynihan, 86, is a journalist and seasoned Vatican analyst who is the founder and editor-in-chief of *Inside the Vatican* magazine. He is a world-renowned commentator on Catholic issues and has appeared on news outlets such as Fox News, CNN, ABC and EWTN. He is the author of several books on issues facing the Church today, including *The Spiritual Vision of Pope Benedict XVI: Let God's Light Shine Forth, Pray for Me: The Life and Spiritual Vision of Pope Francis, First Pope from the Americas*, and *Finding Vignano: The Man Behind the Testimony that Shook the Church and the World*.

Peggy Noonan
Journalist and former White House speechwriter

Peggy Noonan, 72, is a weekly columnist for the *Wall Street Journal* and contributor to NBC News and ABC News. She was a primary speechwriter and special assistant to President Ronald Reagan from 1984 to 1986. Five

of Noonan's books have been New York Times bestsellers. She was also nominated for an Emmy award for her work on *America: A Tribute to Heroes*. She is a practising Roman Catholic and lives in New York City where she attends St Thomas More Church on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Bill O'Reilly
Journalist and TV host

Bill O'Reilly, 73, is a political commentator, journalist and TV host. He hosts the podcast *No Spin News*. Prior to joining Fox he served as a reporter for several local news stations in the US as well as ABC News and CBS News. O'Reilly was raised in a Catholic family and attended Chaminade Catholic High School in Mineola, New York. He and his wife were married at St Brigid Parish in Westbury, New York.

Rusty Reno
Editor, First Things

Russell Ronald Reno III, 63, is the editor of *First Things* magazine. He was formerly a professor of theology and ethics at Creighton University. A theological and political conservative, Reno was not originally Catholic, having been baptised into the Episcopal Church and growing up as a member of the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore. However in 2004 he was received into the Catholic Church.

Robert Royal
Author and president, Faith & Reason Institute

Robert Royal is an influential broadcaster and conservative commentator who is president of the Faith & Reason Institute based in Washington DC. A former Fulbright Scholar, he is editor-in-chief of the The Catholic Thing site which he founded with Michael Novak. He is also the St

John Henry Newman Visiting Chair in Catholic Studies at Thomas More College of Liberal Arts in Merrimack, NH.

Eric Sammons
Editor-in-chief, Crisis Magazine

Eric Sammons is the executive director of Crisis Publications and the editor-in-chief of *Crisis Magazine*. He is the author of several books including *Deadly Indifference, The Old Evangelization and Holiness for Everyone*. He has contributed several essays and articles to publications such as *OnePeterFive, The Federalist*, and *CatholicVote*. He is a board member of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Fatima. He considers himself a "traditional Catholic".

Maria Shriver
Journalist and author

Maria Shriver, 66, is a former First Lady of California, and the founder of the Women's Alzheimer's Movement. She was married to former governor of California and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, whom she divorced in 2021. Shriver earned two Emmys for her role in developing *The Alzheimer's Project*, called a "television show with a conscience". She is a practising Catholic.

Andrew Sullivan
Journalist

Washington DC resident Andrew Sullivan, 59, is a British-American author, editor and blogger. Sullivan is a political commentator, a former editor of the *New Republic* and the author or editor of six books. He started a political blog, the Daily Dish, in 2000 and eventually moved to platforms including *Time*, *The Atlantic* and *The Daily Beast*, and finally to an independent subscription-based format. From 2016 to 2020, Sullivan was a writer-at-large at *New York* and his

newsletter, the "Weekly Dish", was launched in July 2020. Sullivan is a Catholic and has attributed his notorious conservatism to this background.

Brandon Vogt
Founder, ClaritasU and senior publishing director, Word on Fire Ministries

Brandon Vogt, from Orlando, founded ClaritasU and is the senior publishing director for Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He is also the founder of Chesterton Academy of Orlando, a classical high school rooted in the Catholic faith. He has served as a consultant for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Evangelisation and Catechesis and on the board of the Society of GK Chesterton. He has authored 11 books including *Why I am Catholic (And You Should Be Too)* and *Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Faith*. He has been featured on news outlets and publications including Fox News, CBS, EWTN, NPR and *National Review*.

Michael Warsaw
Chairman and CEO, EWTN

Michael P Warsaw is the chairman and CEO of EWTN and publisher of the *National Catholic Register*. He joined EWTN in 1991, became president in 2000 and assumed the role of CEO in 2009. After the network's acquisition of the *National Catholic Register* in 2011, he became publisher of the magazine. In 2013, he was named chairman of EWTN. He serves on the board of directors for the Napa Institute and on the board of trustees for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. In 2017, Pope Francis named Warsaw as consultant to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communications.



Thought Leaders & Authors

Patrick Deneen
Professor and author

Patrick Deneen, 58, is professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, where he has taught since 2012. Previously he taught at Princeton University (1997-2005) and Georgetown University (2005-2012), where he held the Eleni and Markos Tsakopoulos Kounalakis Chair in Hellenic Studies. He is the author of numerous essays and several books including *Why Liberalism Failed* (Yale, 2018), which has been translated into 14 languages.

Mary Eberstadt
Essayist, novelist and public speaker

Mary Eberstadt, 61, holds the Panula Chair in Christian Culture at the Catholic Information Center in Washington DC and is senior research fellow at the Faith & Reason Institute. A writer whose contributions to the intellectual landscape traverse genres, she is author of several non-fiction books including *How the West Really Lost God* and *Adam and Eve after the Pill*. Central to her diverse interests are questions concerning the fate and aspirations of post-modern men and women.

Anthony Esolen
Catholic scholar and author

Anthony M Esolen, 63, is a writer, social commentator and professor

of humanities at Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts. He taught at Providence College and the Thomas More College of Liberal Arts before moving to Magdalen in 2019. He is the author and translator of over 25 books, including the three-volume translation of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. He is the author of numerous articles in publications such as *The Modern Age, Catholic World Report, Crisis Magazine* and *Touchstone*, for which he serves as a senior editor. He is the 2020 recipient of the Circe Institute's Russell Kirk Prize. He and his wife Debra publish a web magazine, *Word and Song*.

Robert George
Legal scholar, political philosopher and intellectual

Robert George, 67, serves as the sixth McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. A legal and political scholar, he is considered one of the country's leading conservative intellectuals. He co-founded the American Principles Project, with funding from Sean Fieler, and is a past chairman of the National Organization for Marriage. In 2009, he was called the "most influential conservative Christian thinker" in the US by David Kirkpatrick of the *New York Times*. He has been awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal and, among other awards, the Canterbury Medal of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. He has chaired the US Commission on

From top: George Weigel, Larry Kudlow, Ramesh Ponnuru, Dean Koontz

International Religious Freedom. His admirers say he is renewing a philosophy of Catholic natural law thinking that goes back to St Thomas Aquinas.

George E Gunning Executive director, Neumann Forum

George Gunning runs the Neumann Forum, a non-profit dedicated to promoting and protecting traditional faith in Philadelphia. He has worked as treasurer at the Catholic Bioethics Center, committed to applying the moral teachings of the Catholic Church to ethical issues arising in healthcare and the life sciences. He graduated from Temple University, Philadelphia and used to work at the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia and Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He is also a former treasurer of the Archdiocese of New York.

Scott Hahn Theologian

Scott Hahn, 64, is a Catholic theologian and Christian apologist. A former Presbyterian who converted to Catholicism, Hahn is also the bestselling author of numerous books including *The Lamb's Supper*, *Reasons to Believe* and *Rome Sweet Home*. A popular speaker and teacher, Hahn has delivered numerous talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith. His talks have been effective in helping thousands of Protestants and fallen-away Catholics to embrace the Catholic faith. Hahn is married to Kimberly Hahn, who co-runs their Catholic apostolate, the St Paul Center for Biblical Theology.

Dean Koontz Science fiction author

Dean Koontz, 77, is an American bestselling novelist whose books have sold over 500 million copies.

After being brought up in Pennsylvania by a "violent, alcoholic" father, he turned to reading as a way of escape and then writing books. They cross genres, combining horror, fantasy, science fiction, mystery, and satire. Seeing the Catholic faith as an antidote to the chaos in his family, Koontz converted in college because faith provided existential answers for life; he admired Catholicism's "intellectual rigour", saying it permitted a view of life that saw mystery and wonder in all things. "I want to extravagantly entertain readers," he says, "while making them feel the wonder of life and consider its profound mysteries." He shares the view of GK Chesterton that his writing is inspired by a "joy about the gift of life". He lives in Shady Canyon, California with his wife Gerda.

Larry Kudlow Conservative TV host

Larry Kudlow was the 12th director of the National Economic Council in the Trump administration, serving from 2018 to January 2021. A TV news host and commentator for the Fox network, he is a religious as well as a political convert. After being a left-wing activist, he became an economics adviser to the Reagan administration, serving two terms, and has been a leading Conservative economist ever since. He is the 2022 recipient of the William F Buckley Prize for leadership in political thought. While returning to Wall Street in the 1990s, he battled with addiction issues and converted to Catholicism with spiritual help from Father C John McCloskey III. He has served on the Catholic Advisory Board of the Ave Maria Mutual Funds and as a member of the Fordham University board of trustees.

Alasdair MacIntyre Philosopher

Alasdair MacIntyre, 93, is a

Scottish-American philosopher of moral and political philosophy as well as history of philosophy and theology. His *After Virtue* (1981) is one of the best-known works of 20th-century political philosophy. He is senior research fellow at the Centre for Contemporary Aristotelian Studies in Ethics and Politics at London Metropolitan University, emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, and permanent senior distinguished research fellow at the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. MacIntyre converted to Catholicism in the early 1980s, and now does his work against the background of what he calls an "Augustinian Thomist approach to moral philosophy".

Ralph Martin Author and president, Renewal Ministries

Ralph Martin, 80, is a "renewal movement leader" and author who addressed the UK Confraternity of Catholic Priests in York in 2022 (sponsored by the *Catholic Herald*). He is president of Renewal Ministries, a body devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelisation. He hosts *The Choices We Face*, a weekly Catholic television and radio programme with a global audience. He is also a visiting professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Chad Pecknold Professor of Theology, Catholic University of America

Chad Pecknold is a professor of theology at the Catholic University of America, in Washington DC. He is the author of *Christianity and Politics: A Brief Guide to the History*, and *The T&T Clark Companion to Augustine and Modern Theology*. A contributing editor to the *Catholic Herald*, he publishes regularly on the Church and modern politics in *First Things*, the *New York Times* and the *Wall*

Street Journal. Pecknold is also the co-founder of *The Postliberal Order* and resident theologian at the Basilica of St Mary.

Ramesh Ponnuru Conservative political pundit, journalist and thinker

Ramesh Ponnuru, 48 and living in Washington DC, is a conservative political pundit, journalist and thinker. He is the editor of the *National Review*, a columnist for *Bloomberg View* and a contributing editor to *National Affairs*. In 2015, *Politico Magazine* listed both him and his wife, April Ponnuru, as two of the top "Politico 50" influential leaders in American politics. Ramesh was raised by a Hindu father and a Lutheran mother. He was an agnostic for a time before converting to Catholicism. In 2006, he vigorously defended the Catholic basis for his pro-life stance saying: "If I didn't believe Catholic teachings were true, I wouldn't be a Catholic."

Tim Powers Science fiction novelist

California resident Tim Powers, 71, is a science fiction writer. He has twice won the World Fantasy Award, for *Last Call* and *Declare*, and has also twice won the Philip K Dick Memorial Award. Reviewers have accused him of writing as a Catholic and Christian apologist. Powers has said that such criticism is as much against "organised religion" as Catholicism. He describes himself as a practising Catholic. The protagonist of his first novel, *Epitaph in Rust* (1976) escapes from a rural monastery into the "wilds of a future Los Angeles".

Stephen Rasche Senior fellow, Religious Freedom Institute

Rasche is senior fellow at the Religious Freedom Institute for International Religious Freedom in

Conflict Regions as well as an acclaimed documentary maker and author. His film, *Francis in Iraq*, about Pope Francis's 2020 visit to the persecuted Christians of Iraq, premiered earlier this year at New York's Sheen Center with an address by Cardinal Dolan. A graduate of Boston College, he has worked for 35 years in international business and humanitarian aid projects, including living in Iraq. He was a founding officer of the Catholic University in Erbil in 2014 and has served as a representative to the Vatican Dicastery on Refugees and Migrants.

Roy Schoeman Author

Roy H Schoeman, 71, is an author who converted from Judaism to the Catholic Church. He is famous for his writings on Catholic-Jewish relations. Schoeman's most famous work is *Salvation Comes from the Jews*, in which he argues that Christianity is the completion of Judaism and invites Jews to convert to the Catholic faith. His other books include *Honey From the Rock: Sixteen Jews Find the Sweetness of Christ* and *Judaism: From the Catholic Perspective*. Schoeman taught theology at Ave Maria University and Holy Apostles College and Seminary, hosts a weekly Catholic radio show on Radio Maria and has a daily internet livestream.

Nicholas Sparks Author and philanthropist

Nicholas Sparks, 56, is an author and philanthropist known for novels such as *The Notebook*, *Dear John* and most recently *The Wish*. His books have sold over 75 million copies in the United States alone. Sparks has donated to several local and national charities. He is a major contributor to the creative writing programme at his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, and together with his wife,

cofounded the Epiphany School in New Berne, North Carolina.

Adrian Vermeule Legal scholar

Adrian Vermeule, 54, is a Catholic convert and legal scholar who is currently the Ralph S Taylor professor of constitutional law at Harvard Law School. Vermeule is the author of eight books, including *Law and the Limits of Reason*. In 2012 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Professor Vermeule is known for his advocacy of legal theories such as common-good constitutionalism and integralism, both of which seek to create a social order based on Catholic moral and social teaching.

George Weigel Theologian and author

George Weigel, 71, is a world-leading Catholic theologian and author who is currently a distinguished senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center and holds the EPPC's William E Simon Chair in Catholic Studies. He has considerable influence in the Church. From 1986 to 1989, he served as the founding president of the James Madison Foundation. Weigel's articles have appeared in such publications as *First Things*, *National Review* and the *Wall Street Journal*, and he has made television appearances on NBC and ETWN. He is the author of 29 books including the bestselling biography of John Paul II, *Witness to Hope*. He is a member of the advisory council of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, and he writes and serves on the board for the Institute for Religion and Public Life. Weigel and his wife Joan live in north Bethesda, Maryland. They have three children.

From top: Lloyd Austin, Mark Milley

Military

Lloyd Austin United States Secretary of Defence

Lloyd Austin, 69, is a retired US Army four-star general who serves as the 28th United States secretary of defence. Nominated by President Joe Biden, he is the first African American to serve in that role. Austin was raised by a devout Catholic mother and remains practising.

Martin E Dempsey General and former Joint Chief of Staff

Martin Edward Dempsey, 70, served as the 18th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and is a retired US Army general who also previously served as the Chief of



Staff of the Army. He attended John S Burke Catholic High School in New York and holds a master's degree in literature from Duke University, writing his thesis on the Irish literary revival. He has given a lecture on faith in geopolitics for the Duke Catholic Center at the Thomas International Centre.

Joseph Dunford General and former chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff

General Joseph Francis Dunford Jr, 66, served as the 19th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest-ranking military officer, and the principal military adviser to the president, secretary of defence and National Security Council from 2015 to 2019. A native of Boston, he graduated from Saint Michael's College and was commissioned in 1977. In 2020, he headlined the Celebration of the Priesthood dinner, an annual event that honours the nearly 540 active and senior priests in good standing across Greater Boston.

Mark Milley Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Mark Milley, 64, has served as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the US Armed Forces since his appointment by Donald Trump in 2019. He previously served as the 39th chief of staff of the Army from 2015 to 2019, and held multiple command and staff positions in eight divisions and special forces throughout his military career, serving in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq and Afghanistan. Milley is of Irish descent and was raised in a Catholic family.

Sports & Entertainment

Simone Biles Olympic gymnast

Simone Biles, 25 and a resident of Texas, having won 25 World Championship medals, is considered by many to be one of the greatest gymnasts of her era. Her seven Olympic medals tie her for the most Olympic medals won by an American gymnast. In 2022 she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Joe Biden. Biles is a practising Catholic who has written and spoken about the importance of faith in her life, about praying the Rosary and the Hail Mary and also on how she lights a candle to St Sebastian, patron saint of athletes, prior to competitions.

Matt Birk Former NFL great, politician and philanthropist

Matthew Birk, aged 46, is a former NFL player whose career spanned 14 seasons. He spent most of this time playing for the Minnesota Vikings. Before beginning his career in the NFL, Birk graduated from Harvard University in 1998 with a degree in economics. He is currently the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor of Minnesota, running in the 2022 Minnesota gubernatorial election. In 2019, Birk founded a private Catholic high school in his home town of Burnsville, Minnesota. He is an outspoken critic of abortion and same-sex marriage.

Pierce Brosnan Actor

Pierce Brosnan, 69, the Irish-born star of James Bond films and

Mamma Mia!, lives today in Hawaii with his second wife Keely. After his first wife Cassandra Harris died from ovarian cancer in 1991, he spoke out about how important his faith is to him. A former altar boy, he was brought up by his mother and educated by the Christian Brothers. He stated: "My faith has been good to me in the moments of deepest suffering, doubt and fear. It is a constant, the language of prayer."

Harrison Butker Kansas City Chiefs placekicker

Harrison Butker, 27, is an NFL placekicker for the Kansas City Chiefs. In 2019 he led the NFL in scoring and won a Super Bowl with Kansas City. He has been outspoken on Catholic issues. He publicly argued against *Traditionis Custodes* on the basis that he felt tradition-orientated Catholics were neglected by the Church. In 2022, Butker supported the Kansas Value Them Both Amendment, which aimed to overturn the ruling that the Kansas constitution guarantees a right to abortion.

Jim Caviezel Actor

James Caviezel Jr, 53, is a film and television actor who most significantly played Jesus Christ in *The Passion of the Christ*. He has had many other notable roles, such as that of Edmund Dantès in *The Count of Monte Cristo* and John Reese in *Person of Interest*. He was raised in a very close Catholic family in Washington state and has been a featured public speaker at numerous religious venues since

the release of *The Passion of the Christ*. In 2005 he acted as the spokesman for the first Catholic Men's Conference in Boston.

Christine Evert Former tennis professional

Chris Evert, 67, is an American former world No 1 tennis player who wore a crucifix when she played on court. Evert won 18 major singles titles, including a record seven French Open titles and a joint-record six US Open titles. Evert dominated women's tennis in the 1970s and 1980s and reached 34 major singles finals. She was awarded the Philippe Chatrier award and inducted into the Hall of Fame. In later life, Evert was a coach and is now an analyst for ESPN. Raised in a committed Catholic household, she is a 1973 graduate of St Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale. She has been married three times, to British tennis player John Lloyd, US skier Andy Mill and Australian golfer Greg Norman. In 2013, Jimmy Connors revealed in his memoir that an abortion was the reason their marriage was called off in 1974. Since 1989, Chris Evert has contributed over \$26 million in an ongoing campaign against drug abuse and child neglect in Florida. She continues to raise money to fund programmes that ensure a bright future for at-risk children and their families.

Brett Favre Former NFL quarterback

Brett Favre, 52, is a former quarterback who played primarily with the Green Bay Packers. His career spanned 20 years and

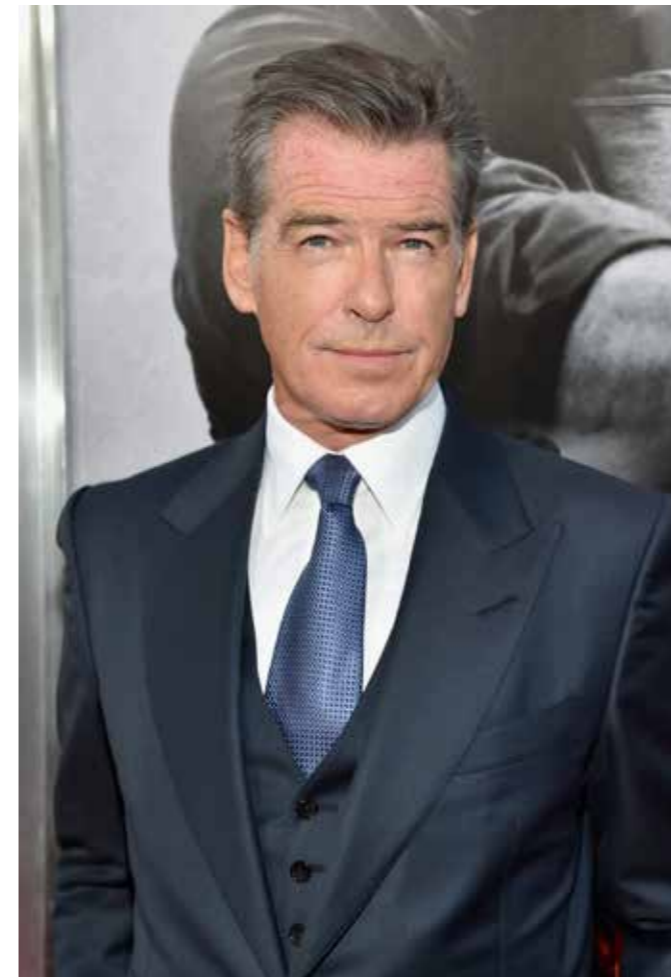
from 1995 to 1997 he was named Most Valuable Player three years in a row, the most the award was consecutively received by any player in history. At the time of his retirement, Favre was the NFL leader in passing yards, passing touchdowns and quarterback wins. Favre credits his Catholic faith for its influence in shaping and helping him face adversity throughout his life. The Brett Favre Fourward Foundation has donated more than \$2 million to charities in Mississippi and Wisconsin.

Marcus Freeman Head coach, Notre Dame University

Marcus Freeman is an American football coach who has gained fame as the second African American head coach for the University of Notre Dame. He briefly played as a line-backer in the NFL before retiring in 2010 due to an enlarged heart condition; since then he has found success as a coach for an array of college football teams. Freeman became a Catholic earlier this year at St Pius X Church in Granger, Indiana.

Jimmy Kimmel TV host

James Kimmel, 54, is a TV host, comedian and producer. He is the host and executive producer of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, a late-night talk show that premiered on ABC on 26 January, 2003. In 2018, *Time* named him as one of the world's 100 most influential people. Kimmel is the longest-working of all current late-night talk show hosts in the US, following Conan O'Brien's retirement from hosting



a late-night programme. He was raised Catholic and, as a child, was an altar server. He remains a practising Catholic today.

Kathleen Ledecky Olympic swimmer

Kathleen Ledecky, 25, is an American competitive swimmer. She was a USA Olympic team member in 2012, 2016 and 2020, and holds the female record for most individual gold medals (14) and overall gold medals (19) at the World Aquatics Championships. Her combined 20 individual titles at the Olympics (six) and World Aquatics Championships (14) is also a record for female swimmers. Ledecky is a devout, actively practising Catholic. She credits her faith to a strong Catholic formation, which included attending Little Flower Catholic School and Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart.

Joe Montana Former NFL quarterback

San Francisco resident Joe Montana, 66, is a former NFL football player who played for the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs. He is regarded as one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time. During his career, Montana won four Super Bowls and was the first player to be named Super Bowl Most Valuable Player three times. In 2000, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Montana comes from an Italian Catholic family, his surname having been anglicised from the Italian *Montani*. He attended the University of Notre Dame where he played football, and his children attended De La Salle High School near San Francisco. He has generously

Pierce Brosnan, Chris Evert, Marcus Freeman, Joe Montana, Jimmy Kimmel

donated to several charities such as the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Conan O'Brien TV host

Conan O'Brien, 59, is known for hosting several late-night talk shows since 1993, including *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, *The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien* and *Conan*. O'Brien comes from an Irish Catholic family that came to America in the 1850s. A DNA test in 2019 revealed that he is 100 per cent Irish.

Mike Piazza Former MLB player

Mike Piazza, 54, is a former baseball player who played for the New York Mets and the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 2013, he was inducted to the New York Mets Hall of Fame, and in 2016 he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Piazza manages the Italian national baseball team. He is a devout Catholic and appeared in the documentary *Champions of Faith*, which explored the intersection between the faith and sports.

Theo Sarandos Co-CEO and chief content officer, Netflix

Theodore Sarandos, 58, is the co-CEO and chief content officer of Netflix. He was involved in the production of dramas such as *House of Cards*. He previously held many senior positions at several video distribution firms including Arizona Video Cassettes West, East Texas Distributors and West Coast Video. He comes from a Greek Catholic background and identifies as a Catholic.

Scottie Scheffler Golfer

Scott Scheffler is a professional

golfer playing on the PGA Tour who, as of August 2022, was the world number one in the World Golf Ranking. He was the winner of this year's US Masters. A confirmed Catholic, Scheffler has spoken of his Catholic wife Meredith's encouragement in his faith, and of his recent success he said: "I'm trying to glorify God and all he's done in my life."

Martin Scorsese
Director

Martin Scorsese, 79, is a film director, producer, screenwriter and actor. He is the recipient of many accolades. *Silence*, his 2016 production, follows two 17th-century Jesuit priests as they travel from Portugal to Japan in an attempt to spread Catholic Christianity. Scorsese had identified as lapsed; however in 2016, following the release of the film, he seemed to reaffirm his faith when he stated: "I am most comfortable as a Catholic. I believe in the tenets of Catholicism." He is widely considered to be one of the greatest influences on modern cinema.

Martin Sheen
Actor

Martin Sheen, 82, is an actor best-known for roles in films and TV shows such as *Apocalypse Now*, *Gettysburg*, *The West Wing*, *Grace and Frankie* and *The Way*. He was raised Catholic but fell away from the faith in his early career. He returned to the faith in 1981, yet he later described himself as Catholic only in a spiritual sense. Sheen supports the Catholic Worker Movement and the consistent life ethic, therefore opposing abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment.

Jordan Spieth
Golfer

Jordan Spieth, 29, is an American professional golfer on the PGA Tour

Clockwise from top left:
Bruce Springsteen, Douglas Urbanski, Martin Sheen, Scottie Scheffler, Kate Ziegler, Mark Wahlberg

and former world number one. Having won three major titles and the 2015 FedEx Cup so far, he has accrued \$53 million in tournament earnings in his young career. He was born and raised in a Catholic family and attended St Monica's Catholic School and Jesuit College Prep in Dallas.

Bruce Springsteen
Singer, musician

Bruce Springsteen is a singer, songwriter and musician. He has sold more than 150 million records worldwide and more than 64 million albums in the United States, making him one of the world's bestselling artists. He has earned numerous awards for his work, including 20 Grammys, two Golden Globes, an Academy Award and a Special Tony Award. His best-known albums include *Nebraska*, *Born in the USA*, *The River* and *Born to Run*. Springsteen was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama in 2016. Born into a Catholic family, Springsteen attended the St Rose of Lima Catholic school in Freehold, New Jersey. "It's pretty overt," Springsteen has said of Catholicism in his work. "It informed my language." For Springsteen, this Catholic language was informed by the Latin Mass, in which he participated as an altar boy. Nick Ripatrazone wrote for the *Catholic Herald* in 2021: "For one born and raised in the faith like Springsteen, there's no leaving it behind. From his first album to his latest, Springsteen has confessed to the congregation: he's a sinner. His songs are his penance, and the beauty of such art is that we get to feel the hard-won grace ourselves."



Ben Steele
NFL coach

Benjamin Steele, 44, is a former tight end for Green Bay Packers and offensive line coach for the Denver Broncos in the NFL. Steele played college football at Fort Lewis College and Mesa State College. He is a devout Catholic who encourages his men to be champions of the Rosary on and off the field.

Douglas Urbanski
Film producer

Douglas Urbanski, 65, is an American film producer. He has been nominated twice for an Oscar, once for a Golden Globe and has won a BAFTA for motion picture producer. In addition to his Academy Award-winning films

Darkest Hour and *Mank*, along with his other films, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, *The Contender* and *Nil By Mouth*, his films have received 21 Oscar nominations, ten Golden Globe nominations and 33 BAFTA nods. He serves as a Eucharistic minister at St Victor's in West Hollywood.

Eduardo Verástegui
Actor

Eduardo Verástegui, 48, is a Mexican-born actor who has appeared in *CSI Miami*, *See You in Miami* and *Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2*. Raised in a Catholic family, he rediscovered the faith through the example of his English-language coach. He is committed to going to Mass daily, reading the Bible, saying the Rosary and going to Confession once a week. He

voiced Jesus in the Spanish dubbing of *Son of God*. He is actively involved in the pro-life cause through his movement Manto de Guadalupe.

Mark Wahlberg
Actor

Mark Wahlberg, 51, is an actor, producer and director of many films. He co-funded the recent religious movie *Father Stu*, about a boxer turned priest, in which he stars with Mel Gibson. Wahlberg is also the executive producer of several series on HBO, including *Entourage*, and the co-owner of the Wahlburgers fast food chain. He has stated that the Catholic faith is the most important part of his life. He is active at the Good Shepherd Center for homeless women and children in LA.

Kate Ziegler
Former Olympic swimmer

Kate Ziegler, 34, is a former competitive swimmer who specialised in freestyle and long-distance events. Ziegler won a total of 15 medals in major international competition, including eight golds, five silvers and two bronzes. She retired from swimming in 2016 and has since earned her MBA. She is a devout Catholic who when asked of her success said: "God is faithful and so good and He helped me."

“**Mark Wahlberg co-funded the religious film *Father Stu*, about a boxer turned priest, in which he stars with Mel Gibson**

Charity, Non-profit & Other

Mark Ackermann
President and CEO,
Mark Ackermann Associates

Mark is the president and CEO of Mark Ackermann Associates. He is a not-for-profit executive who has served as the first president and CEO of the Catholic Foundation of Long Island, with responsibility for inaugurating the operations of this new Catholic Foundation and establishing fundraising, investment and distribution of its philanthropic resources for programmes of the healthcare, education and Catholic Charities ministries. Mark holds a BA from the Catholic University of America and a MS degree in not-for-profit management from New York University. He currently serves on a number of not-for-profit boards including the board of directors of the Foundation for Justice and Peace in the Vatican and is a special adviser to the Path to Peace Foundation at the Holy See's Mission to the United Nations.

Tim Busch
Founder, Napa Institute

Orange County resident Tim Busch, a Legatus member, is the founder of the Busch Firm, a financial services company. In 2011, he paired up with Fr Robert Spitzer to found the Magis Institute, which examines the intersection of faith and reason. He and Spitzer also founded the Napa Institute to help Catholics in authority defend the faith. Busch's Napa Institute conferences have broken the mould, attracting leading Catholic influencers, both lay and

religious. In 2016 the Busch Family Foundation donated \$15 million to the Catholic University of America.

Paul Beresford-Hill
International educator
and diplomat

Dr Paul Beresford-Hill CBE is the ambassador and permanent observer of the Sovereign Order of Malta's Mission at the United Nations in New York. His responsibilities include liaison between the United Nations, its member states and affiliate organisations, and the Order of Malta's extensive global outreach. The Sovereign Order works closely with the Holy See Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations in promoting Catholic social teaching, particularly in the area of humanitarian aid to the sick, the poor and to those who are left behind. In addition, he is also a knight grand cross of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and is a knight of justice in the US Priory of the Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Amanda Bowman
Founder,
Anglosphere Society

Amanda is the founder of the Anglosphere Society, an independent, non-profit, membership organisation whose mission is to reinforce the "special relationship" between the United States and the United Kingdom. Educated at Cambridge, Bowman was formerly with the *Economist* in New York, and then with Christie's in New York before becoming

the New York director of the Center for Security Policy and subsequently US director of the Atlantic Bridge. She serves on the executive committee of the board of American Humane, the leading national animal welfare organisation. She is also a US advisory board member of the *Catholic Herald*, a philanthropist, and serves on the board of the Sheen Center in NYC.

Andrea Hattler Bramson
President, Loyola Foundation

Andrea Hattler Bramson spent many of her formative years living in Puerto Rico attending Sacred Heart schools. She has been the president of the Loyola Foundation for ten years, and has been a trustee for over 30. The Loyola Foundation is a charitable organisation that is primarily dedicated to supporting Catholic mission activities in less developed countries. She has served on the boards of FADICA, NCEA, and was the president of the pastoral council of her parish in Virginia. She is married and the mother of three.

Brian Brown
Co-founder, National
Organization for Marriage

Brian S Brown, 48, is the co-founder of the National Organization for Marriage (NOM). He has served as its president since 2010. NOM is a non-profit political organisation established in 2007 to work against the legalisation of same-sex marriage in the United States. Before this, Brown was founder and executive director of the Family Institute

of Connecticut, during which time he evolved it into one of the largest pro-family organisations in Northeast America. Brown and his wife Susan have five children.

Brian Burch
President, CatholicVote

Brian Burch is the president and co-founder of CatholicVote, a conservative, non-profit political advocacy group based in the United States. While the organisation acknowledges the authority of the Magisterium, it is independent of the Catholic Church. Burch is married and has nine children. In 2018, he was named the Legatus “Defender of the Faith” for his work serving the Church.

Daniel J Cellucci
CEO, Catholic Leadership Institute

Daniel J Cellucci is CEO of Catholic Leadership Institute, an apostolate providing leadership training and consulting to more than 290 bishops, 2,700 priests and over 33,000 deacons, religious and lay leaders in more than 100 dioceses. Cellucci was recently nominated to serve as a member of the National Advisory Council for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He oversees research on the Disciple Maker Index, a parish survey tool that helps church leaders focus their efforts toward evangelisation. Cellucci lives in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with his wife Tricia and their four children.

Richard T Clark
Chairman, Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia

Richard T Clark is the chairman of the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia. He is retired chairman and chief executive officer of Merck & Co, a global leader in the pharmaceutical industry. He

joined Merck in 1972 and held a broad range of senior management positions. In 2016, Pope Francis named Clark and his wife a knight and dame in the Order of St Gregory the Great for their dedication and exceptional service to the World Meeting of Families Philadelphia and the pastoral visit of the Holy Father to Philadelphia.

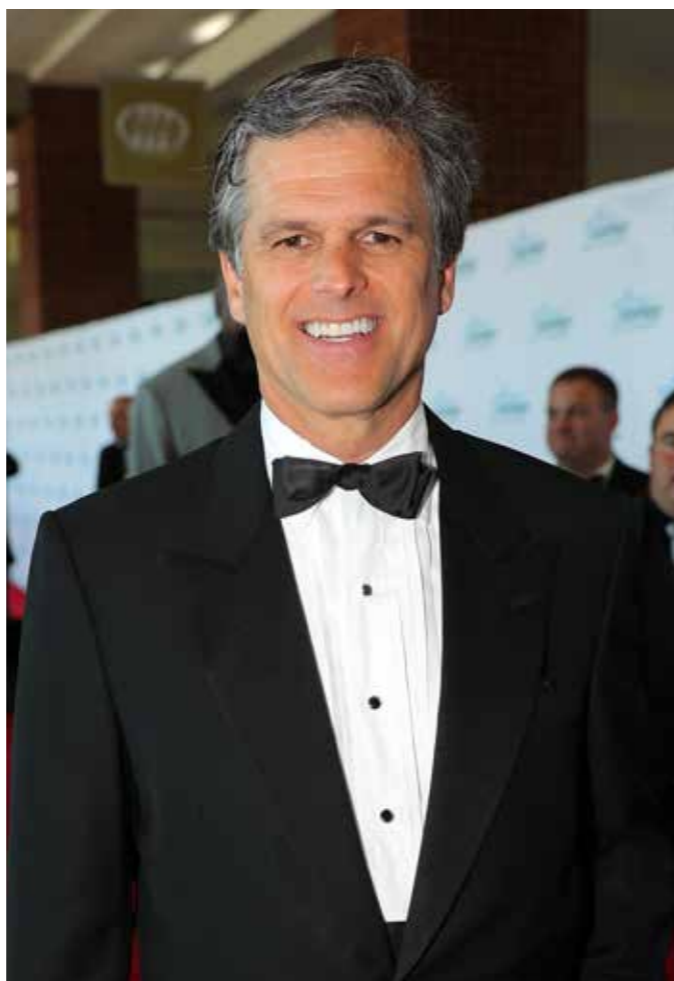
Thomas Dobbin
Justice and peace coordinator, Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of New York

New York resident Tom Dobbins is the justice and peace coordinator in the Department of Social and Community Development of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York. This department is responsible for working with the 300-plus parishes in the ten counties of the archdiocese to promote the social mission of the Roman Catholic Church. Dobbins is also the producer of a national radio programme on Sirius/XM’s Catholic Channel called *JustLove*, a show highlighting “the work of the Church in the world”. He currently serves on two national boards: the Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors and Good Shepherd Volunteers.

Elizabeth Donnelly
Mary J Donnelly Foundation

Elizabeth A Donnelly is a frequent speaker and writer on Catholic affairs. As a trustee of a Catholic family foundation, she is part of a group of female foundation leaders who have engaged in dialogue with top Vatican officials on the role of women in the Church. She has served on several boards, including those of Jesuit

Clockwise from top: Tim Shriver, Amanda Bowman, Paul Beresford-Hill, Vicki Downey, Alexia Kelley



Volunteers International, Maryknoll Lay Missioners and the Ignatian Solidarity Network. She and her husband have three daughters.

Vicki Downey
Lieutenant, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre

Vicki Downey has been a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre since 2004 and has served as a lieutenant since 2016. She previously held several senior positions with the Daughters of the British Empire and served as the Chief of Staff for the Mountbatten Institute from 2012 to 2015. She works with the Halo Trust, helping to clear landmines from the Holy Land, and serves on the executive board of America Media. Downey received the Order of Chivalry from the Order of Savoy in 2017 and was invested into the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George as dame merit with silver star.

Axel d’Epinay
COO, Magnificat

Axel d’Epinay, based in New York, is chief operating officer at the Magnificat publishing firm and Aleteia USA. Under his leadership, the pocket-sized *Magnificat* has grown to over 330,000 subscribers in the US. It is now a world-leading weekly spiritual guide in multiple languages which partners in the UK with the *Herald*, and is a regular light at the back of American churches. It includes daily and Sunday readings, all Feast Days and daily reflections on the Gospel.

Michael Espiritu
Assistant professor, Weill Cornell Medical College

Michael Espiritu MD is an assistant professor of clinical paediatrics at Weill Cornell Medical College and attending neonatologist at New York Presbyterian Hospital – Weill Cornell Medical Center. He is a knight of magistral grace in the

Sovereign Military Order of Malta, for which he serves as counsellor at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the UN. In addition, he is a knight commander of the Holy Sepulchre and knight of merit of the Constantinian Order of St George.

Alexia Kelley
CEO, FADICA

As CEO of FADICA – Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities – and a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Kelley oversees a leading philanthropic members’ peer network that promotes the growth and effectiveness of US Catholic philanthropy. FADICA supports Catholic education, exchange, fellowship and faith, research and interaction with Catholic leadership. Kelley served for ten years at the US Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Catholic Campaign for Human Development. She also served as the deputy director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. She co-wrote *A Nation for All: How the Catholic Vision of the Common Good Can Save America from the Politics of Division*. She lives in Washington DC with her husband.

Dr Peter J Kelly
President, American Association of the Order of Malta

Peter Kelly is the president of the American Association of the Order of Malta. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and received his medical degree from Georgetown University. A member of the Order of Malta for almost 20 years, he was elected to the board of councillors in 2009. Kelly has participated in ten Lourdes pilgrimages as a member of the medical committee. He devotes a significant amount of time to international medical

mission work. Since 1993, he has been travelling to Haiti where he performs free care and surgery at Hôpital Sacré Coeur, a Catholic hospital operated by CRUDEM.

Fra’ John Dunlap
Lieutenant of the Grand Master and head, Order of Malta

Fra’ John Timothy Dunlap, 65, has been the lieutenant of the Grand Master and head of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta since June 2022. Since 1997, he has been a legal adviser to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. Fra’ John sees his duty as continuing to support and promote the charitable and religious endeavours of the Order of Malta. He is a board member of ArchCare and serves as secretary and director of the board of the Path to Peace Foundation, which was established by the Catholic Church’s delegation to the United Nations.

Timothy C Flanagan
Founder, Catholic Leadership Institute

Timothy C Flanagan founded the Catholic Leadership Institute in 1989. Under his leadership, the CLI has reached national prominence, providing first-class leadership formation and consulting to clergy and lay leaders across the US and around the world. In 2008 he was installed as a knight of the Holy Sepulchre; in 2019, Pope Francis named him a knight of St Sylvester in recognition of his service to the Church and her people. He has been married to Terese for 55 years and they have five children.

Jack Fowler
Senior director, American Philanthropic

Jack Fowler is the senior director of American Philanthropic. Before



William Donohue
President, Catholic League

Bill Donohue, 75, has served as the president and CEO of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, the nation’s largest Catholic civil rights organisation, since 1993. He received his PhD in sociology from New York University in 1980, and is the author of many books on civil liberties, social issues and Catholicism. He also serves on the board of advisers of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, the Christian Film and Television Commission and Catholic War Veterans. Donohue campaigns against what he sees as the defamation of Catholicism.

Winner of several teaching awards, and many awards from the Catholic community, he has appeared on thousands of television and radio shows speaking on civil liberties and social issues. Donohue also publishes *Catalyst*, the Catholic League journal. *Legatus* magazine once wrote of him:

“Bill Donohue might just be the hardest-working man in the Catholic Church... [his life] is spent riding to the defence of Catholics across the country beset by a hostile culture and media.”

joining American Philanthropic, Jack worked for 31 years at *National Review* in various capacities, including as publisher, where he oversaw fundraising and development operations. He remains a contributing editor. He has served on numerous boards, including the American Mental Health Foundation, Human Life Foundation, Frontier Center and Gatestone Institute. The Bronx native graduated from the College of the Holy Cross and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife Sharon have five children and reside in Milford, Connecticut.

Nannette Hendel
Director of philanthropy,
Adams Family Foundation

Nannette Hendel serves as the director of philanthropy for the Adams Family Foundation. She has dedicated much of her time and attention to various non-profit organisations around the world. Hendel graduated from St John's University with a degree in psychology. She went on to work at Dreyfus Service Corporation before moving to Connecticut where she concentrated her efforts on raising her family, volunteering and fundraising for various non-profit organisations there and in the greater New York area.

Patrick E Kelly
Supreme knight,
Knights of Columbus

Patrick E Kelly is the 14th and current supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus. He received a MA in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America, and a law degree from Marquette University Law School in 1993. He was the founding executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington DC. He was also the senior adviser to the ambassador-at-large for international religious

freedom at the state department and, in this position, he was the state department's primary contact with the Holy See and other nations on matters of religious freedom. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and three daughters.

Donna Markham
President,
Catholic Charities USA

Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is the first woman and tenth president to hold this position in the organisation's more than 100-year history. An Adrian Dominican sister with a doctorate in clinical psychology, Sister Donna served on CCUSA's board of trustees for eight years, including two as board chair. In addition, she has served in leadership positions in behavioural health care both in Canada and the United States and is an internationally recognised author and speaker in areas pertaining to transformational leadership, organisational change management and the effective treatment of those struggling with mental illness.

Daniel J O'Connell
President, Ancient
Order of Hibernians

Daniel J O'Connell is the national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Founded in 1836, the Ancient Order of Hibernians is America's oldest Irish Catholic fraternal organisation. It is at the forefront for issues concerning Irish Catholics, such as the Right to Life.

Thomas J Reedy
Chancellor, American
Association of Order of Malta

Thomas J Reedy is the former head of Reedy Enterprises, which is based in Chicago. Reedy has been a member of the American Association of the Order of Malta since 2002 and served as the



From top: Thomas J Reedy,
Donna Markham, Marcela Szymanski



Illinois area chair from 2007 to 2013. In 2012, he was elected hospitalier of the American Association. In addition to his work with the Order of Malta, Reedy has served on the Catholic Charities board of advisors. He is also a member of Legatus and served as president of the Chicago chapter from 2005 to 2008.

Tim Shriver
Disability rights activist

Maryland resident Tim Shriver, 63, leads the Special Olympics international board of directors. He previously helped produce four films including *The Ringer* and *Amistad*. Shriver also serves as president of the Joseph P Kennedy

Jr Foundation, and currently chairs the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning. In 2011, he wrote the book *Fully Alive: Discerning what Matters Most*. Shriver is a member of the Kennedy family through his mother Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister of John F Kennedy, and is a brother of Maria Shriver. As such, Shriver was raised Catholic and received his master's from the Catholic University of America.

Marcela Szymanski
Advocacy officer,
Aid to the Church in Need

Marcela Szymanski lives in Brussels. Since 2011 she is the EU and UN advocacy officer for the pontifical foundation Aid to the Church in Need, which helps the voice of the persecuted Church to be heard among policy-makers. She conducts high-level public diplomacy relations on behalf of persecuted Christians, including kidnapped priests as well as entire communities under duress by the Islamic State. She often appears on TV shows defending the importance of maintaining the integrity of Article 18, promoting and protecting the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and opposing attempts to separate its basic elements.

Elizabeth Yore
Child advocacy attorney

The founder of Yore Children, Elizabeth Yore is a child advocacy attorney who deals with legal issues relating to the exploitation of children. She served as special counsel to Oprah Winfrey as her child advocate, both at Harpo and at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa. In addition, Yore served as general counsel at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Mavericks

Conrad Black
Broadcaster and
commentator

Conrad Black, 78, is a Canadian-born British businessman who, in the 1990s, built Hollinger International which was once the world's third-largest English-language newspaper empire. Although Canadian, Black's brilliant and prolific US journalism and books make him an honorary literary citizen. Raised in an atheistic family, it took time for Black to find his faith. He explained that he "approached Rome at a snail's pace" until he was eventually received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1986 by Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter. In 2001, Black was invested as a knight commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great, a papal order of chivalry awarded by Pope John Paul II.

Mel Gibson
Actor, producer and director

Mel Gibson, 66, is an actor, director and producer. Best known for his roles in *Mad Max* and *Lethal Weapon*, his career took a different direction when he directed, produced and co-funded

The Passion of the Christ, a 2004 biblical drama that has made \$612 million worldwide. Gibson was raised a devout sedevacantist traditionalist Catholic, although Fr William Fulco said in 2009 that Gibson denies neither the pope nor Vatican II. He is a friend of the actor Mark Wahlberg with whom he starred in *Father Stu*, about a boxer turned priest. He has given millions of dollars to many causes including the Mirador Basin project, Healing the Children and alcohol and drug education. "Philanthropy gives you perspective. It's one of my faults, you tend to focus on yourself a lot. You take a little time out to think about other people – it's good. It's uplifting."

Mickey Rourke
Actor

Although he claimed he was blacklisted by Hollywood for around 14 years for being difficult to work with, Mickey Rourke has always had a strong connection to his Irish-rooted faith. He has starred in faith-based films including *A Prayer for the Dying* (1987), in which he plays an IRA hitman who develops a bond with a Catholic priest. The former boxer recently

played a paralysed man in *Man of God*, about a Greek Orthodox saint who establishes a covenant for pilgrims on a desolate island. He says he owes his career comeback to Father Peter Colapietro, a priest at Holy Cross Church in New York, who "saved him" after he was in a dark place. "I would talk to Father Peter on weekends," Rourke told Fox News. "And I would tell him, 'I'm not gonna pray anymore.' One day, he looked at me and said, 'Mickey, nobody gets a pass.' One thing I've learned is that everything's in God's hands."

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Mel Gibson



From left: Mel Gibson,
Conrad Black,
Mickey Rourke

Keeping the faith

The Catholic Herald Institute is a new Mid-Atlantic think-tank aiming to renew Catholic identity and influence the Church. By **Jamie MacGuire**

Today the future of Catholic identity in the US and UK depends more than ever on leadership and example from an active and committed laity. This is not simply a result of declining numbers of those in religious life, or scandals. It is because the most dynamic agents of social progress today emanate from civilian leadership in philanthropy, business, politics, law and justice, technology, media, government, entertainment and sport.

By identifying the 250 most influential Catholic lay figures across America today, we hope to stimulate a reinvigorated spiritual dimension in an increasingly secular society. To assist in this process of renewal, the *Herald* is launching the Catholic Herald Institute, a dynamic new Mid-Atlantic think-tank, based in NYC and London, initiative devoted to defending and promoting Catholic values and identity in public life – especially the family. We have set an annual budget of \$300,000 and are seeking anchor donors to support our Herald Institute fellowship programme of writers around the world. The *Herald* has 134 years of intellectual history behind it and few non-profits have our influence in the public piazza.

The division in the Church is now increasingly a battle for the very soul and future of the Catholic faith. The Church is facing its largest crisis since the Second Vatican Council. This, however, has created the Catholic media's greatest opportunity for digital engagement. Our vision is to use the Institute to complement our magazine so that we become thought leaders in the trenches of today's cultural, political and

religious debate. Having such an influential magazine – read from the Vatican to Capitol Hill – as a multimedia platform for our views makes us unique.

We aim to reverse the negative statistics (13 per cent of Americans now say they are “ex-Catholic”), messaging and indifference through positive thought-leadership that promotes our spiritual and intellectual mission based on the three pillars of the faith: family, human dignity and human life. The family is the most important bulwark against the state. We also uphold the Western tradition of culture and faith and support the idea of a morally rooted culture and society that believes in freedom of responsibility and democratic government.

This secular crisis of belief lies in the culture of the Church itself – a culture of lost belief. Priests across America worry as little as 50 per cent of their congregations have returned to parish worship after the pandemic. This is partly because Catholic institutions and many priests are not interested in having this public debate or fighting intellectually to preserve Catholic values.

Hence why we are taking the challenge on. I have the honour of being asked to lead its American branch as US senior director and trustee. Over a decade ago I conceived and founded the Portsmouth Institute (portsmouthinstitute.org) at Portsmouth Abbey School in Rhode Island, which has flourished on a regional level, and I remain its emeritus director.

I founded the Portsmouth Institute to strengthen the Catholic identity of Portsmouth Abbey School at a time when our monastery was aging and diminishing, and the lay faculty was becoming more secular. We held conferences celebrating the beatification of Cardinal Newman, and debated the intriguing question of Shakespeare's Catholic religious identity, the complementary nature of science and religion, and Catholicism as an integral component of the American Experience.

Along the way we staged plays in churches, hosted concerts and sponsored research studies abroad. At the Herald Institute, we will programme similar events on a larger scale, including patrons' pilgrimages – such as the *Herald's* memorable Santiago de Compostela walking pilgrimage – and produce podcasts, documentaries and host lectures and speaker dinners. We have already hosted several events in New York, including a debate on the crisis of the Church today between Rusty Reno, editor of *First Things*, and *Herald* contributor Father Gerald Murray, and a VIP dinner following the world premiere of the documentary *Francis in Iraq* at New York's Sheen Center for Thought & Culture.

We will be inviting business leaders and philanthropists to support us as we speak out on the most consequential issues of our time and safeguard Catholic values for generations to come, just as we have since 1888. Our vision is to use the *Herald's* record of outstanding Catholic thinking – with writers including GK Chesterton, JRR Tolkien, Evelyn Waugh and Graham Greene – as the foundation

for society-changing intellectual leadership. We will take advantage of all of today's global digital engagement and multimedia opportunities to lead the Catholic conversation. We hope our readers and America's Catholic leaders will support us in our battle and journey ahead. **CH**



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