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# US CATHOLIC LEADERS SURVEY 2024





# Leading by example

The *Herald's* latest survey of US Catholic leaders reveals how lay stewardship continues to shape the narrative of politics and education. By **Jamie MacGuire** and **William Cash**

Two years after our inaugural survey of US Catholic leaders, where we argued that Catholic leadership in the United States was increasingly in the hands of the laity, rather than clergy, there is little evidence to suggest that anything has changed. Our 2024 survey includes many examples, but few are better than that of Leonard Leo, the 59-year-old lawyer and political influencer behind the Supreme Court conservative (and Catholic) majority, and thus largely responsible for the overturning of *Roe v Wade*. As co-chair of the Federalist Society, Leo is also using his alliance of conservative non-profits to help set up the first Catholic public, which is to say free, school in the US, in Oklahoma.

Other outstanding individuals on our list who are shaping intellectual public debate and education today include O Carter Snead, Professor of Law at the de Nicola Centre for Ethics at the University of Notre Dame, the intellectual battlefield of US Catholic identity. He is a superstar academic whose bestselling ethics book, *What It Means to be Human*, has been described by the *Wall Street Journal* as “among the most important works of moral philosophy produced in this century”. It is regarded as a milestone in intellectual understanding of the US abortion debate.

What's clear is that Catholic lay influence – as opposed to clerical leadership – is increasingly prevalent today in the US public square. In this survey, we celebrate their achievements, values, example and philanthropy. This year's US Catholic Leaders survey is larger than before and is enriched by the addition of more entries in the sphere of Catholic education, at a time

when the mission of several high-profile US universities, notably Harvard, has been under existential scrutiny.

The furore over the resignation of Claudine Gay as president of Harvard – a university whose own chaplain is an atheist humanist – was partly a victory for donor influence. It's no secret that many Harvard donors were behind her removal after she embarrassed the university at congressional hearings. But the rising influence of donors is a subject of concern, with some critics saying that the campus arms race for facilities and academic status on league tables has come at a price, especially at

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several big-name Catholic universities whose very Catholic identity is now under threat. At Boston College (known as BC), a convert philosophy student caused controversy in 2023 by publishing an article in the *Torch*, the campus Catholic paper, asking whether BC was even a Catholic university any more.

The in-fighting between liberal and conservative factions on campus reflects that of the ever-deeper polarisation of the Church itself under Pope Francis. With the Church hierarchy so divided – with many dioceses bankrupted by sexual-abuse scandals – it has fallen to Catholic lay leaders to lead by

example and philanthropic effort to keep Catholic identity and communities together.

As we set out in our inaugural US Catholic University and College Guide, published last November, America's Catholic institutions are now facing attack from the progressive tide of toxic cultural and gender politics as well as demands from donors for top rankings and sporting glory. With some colleges having vast endowments – Notre Dame has over \$17 billion in endowment – we made the comparison between some of the wealthier Catholic colleges today and the doomed, well-endowed wealthy monasteries of the 16th century.

We have included a number of presidents or senior professors at smaller universities, such as the Catholic University of America in Washington DC (where Napa Institute founder Tim Busch is a major donor and serves on the board), Walsh University, Iona in New York City, and the Thomas More College for Liberal Arts, who are determined to retain Catholic values and identity on campus. Such leaders deserve acknowledgement at a time when speaking out or defending faith-based teaching can risk cancellation or social media backlash.

We have also included the influential Newman Society founder Patrick Reilly and two of his new Eucharistic Fellows. They have been appointed to “develop guidance and resources” for Catholic schools and colleges on teaching the “Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist” across the curriculum and adding “reverence and beauty” to student Masses, Eucharistic processions and prayer. The society's *Newman Guide* to Catholic colleges remains an invaluable resource for parents and

students wanting an alternative to the increasingly secularised Catholic college experience.

This year's survey also acknowledges the influence of the Alfred E Smith Memorial Foundation. For 80 years, its annual dinner has raised millions of dollars for the most vulnerable children in American society. The white-tie event has hosted every candidate in presidential election years since 1960, as well as a panoply of renowned figures in politics, entertainment and business. Last year's keynote speaker was the late Henry Kissinger who, at the age of 100, mounted the dais and won a standing ovation. An edited version of the speech, along with a fascinating interview with Cardinal Dolan about his friendship with Kissinger, appears elsewhere in this issue.

We have also added more distinguished, high-achieving Catholic women whose faith plays a decisive role in their working lives and philanthropic commitments. And we are launching a new series of expanded interview features entitled “Profiles in Faith”, taking as our inspiration the John F Kennedy Profile in Courage award created by the JFK Library and Museum in 1969 to honour public officials whose actions demonstrate politically courageous leadership in the spirit of *Profiles in Courage*, President Kennedy's 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book in which the then junior senator wrote about eight figures whose courage served as a clarion call to every American.

Our first such profile is that of transatlantic investment banker John Studzinski, who recently received the Faith & Culture Award from the Catholic New East Welfare Association (CNEWA) at its annual Healing & Hope Gala. The *Catholic Herald's* chairman Chris Brown was delighted to support the event, which was chaired by Amanda Bowman, who also chairs the Catholic Herald Institute.

In his address on receiving the award, Studzinski said: “As a devout Catholic, my faith has a fundamental influence on my daily life, whether it's professional, personal or relating to a charitable initiative.” His profile, written by Bowman, is an inspiration to read and an example of how faith, leadership, philanthropy and ambition can coexist when one lives according to a personal

creed shaped by Catholic values. Next time you visit St Patrick's Cathedral in New York, look up to the benefactor stone plaque close to the main entrance and you will see Studzinski's name. It was fitting that his award was handed to him by New York's own Cardinal Dolan.

Another profile to follow will be that of New Orleans Saints owner Gayle Benson, who appears for the first time in our survey with an entry that details her wide-ranging professional life and faith-oriented philanthropic career. In so many ways, she is a model Catholic leader for our times.

Last year saw the founding of the non-profit Catholic Herald Institute in New York, with its mission to become a world-leading Catholic think tank supporting the 135-year mission of the *Herald* magazine to defend Catholic values and influence the Church to the good. Part of its apostolic mission is to support and nurture future generations of Catholic leaders. With a new affiliate in London, the Institute will be launching a dynamic series of events, lectures, symposia, conferences and pilgrimages to our growing audiences across the United States and far beyond.

As we enter a crucial American presidential election year, issues that are of interest to US Catholics will be widely debated. The Institute hopes to have an important voice in such debates, which include the war in the Holy Land, immigration to the US, abortion legislation and the conclusions of the Synod on Synodality.

How America's Catholic leaders – and we list close to 300 here – think and act in regard to such issues will significantly affect American civic and spiritual life. While our selections are not infallible – this is a big-tent Catholic survey to be fine-tuned annually – we are grateful to those included for their courage in faith.

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Catholic lay leader and Federalist Society co-chair Leonard Leo





# Business and Philanthropy

## Michelle Adams

**Foundation board, Tishman Speyer and board member, Alfred E Smith Foundation**

Michelle Adams oversees global external relations for the real estate and construction giant Tishman Speyer, including government and community affairs as well as communications and philanthropy. She works on an array of development and acquisitions projects globally and is a member of the ESG committee. Prior to Tishman Speyer, Michelle served as the executive director of the Association for a Better New York from 2002 until 2010.

## Robert Agostinelli

**Chairman, Rhône Group**

Rochester, NY native Robert Agostinelli, 70, 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, the founder of the William F Buckley prize for leadership in political thought, and 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 Christian values that had provided him with a “moral compass” for life. His memorable 70th birthday party in 2023 was hosted by his wife Francesca at a private club in London's Mayfair, with guests including leading Conservative politicians and intellectuals, *Herald* director Sir Rocco Forte and the magazine's editor-in-chief.

## 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 is the treasurer for the Order of Malta American Association and a founding board member of Malta House in Norwalk, CT, a home for pregnant, homeless women. Aubuchon was a trustee of Assumption College for 21 years and for eight years served as a Eucharistic minister at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital.

## John and 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 PCM. She joined PCM in 1998 and oversees its 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. Through their foundation, they helped to create the Academic Freedom Alliance which aims to protect the free speech of faculty members at colleges and universities. They have five children.

## Edward Bastian

**CEO, Delta Air Lines**

Edward Bastian, 66, 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. In 2018, *Fortune* magazine named him among the “World's 50 Greatest Leaders”.

In 2022, he 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.

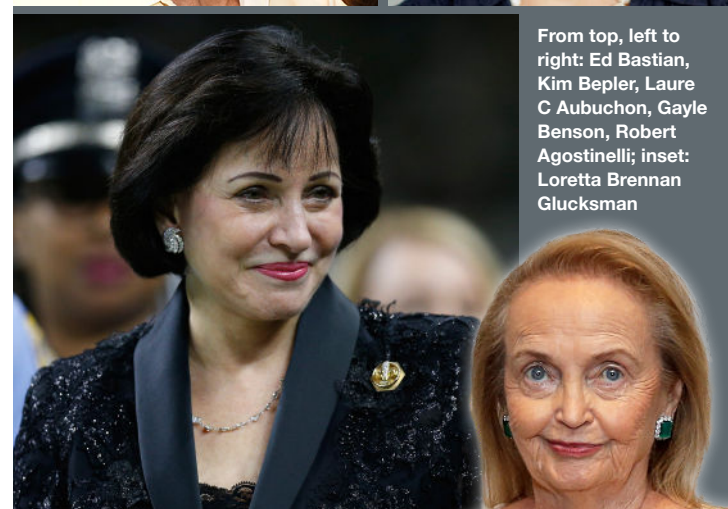
He is also a board member of the Lumen Institute, an organisation which seeks to provide faith-based formation for business and cultural leaders. He holds a degree in law from the Paris-Panthéon-Assas University

## Gayle Marie LaJaunie Benson

**Philanthropist**

Billionaire philanthropist and businesswoman, Gayle Benson is both the principal owner of the National Football League (NFL) New Orleans Saints and the National Basketball Association (NBA) New Orleans Pelicans, as well as being a successful racehorse owner in Kentucky.

One of ten female NFL owners, Benson is the majority shareholder in both the NFL and the NBA franchises. A devout Catholic, who is a regular lector at Sunday Mass at St Louis Cathedral, Gayle and her late husband Tom were presented with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice by Pope Benedict XVI in 2014. Benson has long been a dedicated philanthropist to local community causes, as well as giving \$20 million to cancer research and most recently funding the construction of a children's hospital for the Ochsner Health System. Benson has generously



From top, left to right: Ed Bastian, Kim Bepler, Laure C Aubuchon, Gayle Benson, Robert Agostinelli; inset: Loretta Brennan Glucksman

supported a variety of Catholic causes, notably donating \$5 million to the New Orleans Jesuit High School, as well as funding the construction of the Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio.

She is now leading the capital campaign to restore and renovate the Cathedral of St Louis in New Orleans, one of the oldest Catholic cathedrals in the United States

## Kim Bepler

**Philanthropist**

Kim Bepler is the widow of the late wealth management professional Stephen E Bepler, and since his death in 2016 has run the extensive Bepler family estate. Three new chairs were created at Fordham University, a top-ranked Catholic university in NYC, 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 war in Ukraine. In total, the Bepers' investment in Fordham's mission totals £31 million.

## Loretta Brennan Glucksman

**Chairman Emeritus, American Ireland Fund**

Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Chairman Emeritus of the American Ireland Fund, was earlier in her career a teacher, television producer and on-air host for news. In recent decades, she has been a staunch supporter of many Irish causes, including Ireland House, the centre for Irish studies at New York University, the Irish

Arts Center in New York, the Irish Repertory Theatre, and the American Irish Historical Society.

## Tim Busch

**Founder, Napa Institute**

Tim Busch is the CEO of the Busch Hospitality Group. In 2011 he teamed up with Fr Robert Spitzer to co-found the Napa Institute, one of the world's most successful Catholic leadership think tanks and philanthropic organisations devoted to assisting Catholic leaders defend Catholic values, especially in public life. 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. Busch also helped bring in an additional \$32 million in gifts that were used in part to renovate Maloney Hall, and to turn it into a home for the renamed Tim and Steph Busch School of Business.

Speaking to the *Herald* in 2023, Busch attributed the rise of the institute's influence to “God's grace”. His personal faith journey was inspired by another successful Catholic business leader to take an entrepreneurial approach to his faith. “I went to a parochial school, and one day, one of the nuns suggested it would be a good idea if we went to Mass. So I did and in time became a daily communicant. Later, in college, I never lost my faith but did fall away somewhat from practising. Then I went into business, and in my 30s joined Legatus [the organization for Catholic CEOs founded by Domino's Pizza owner Tom Monahan], and that proved decisive. I returned to daily Mass and never looked back, and today it remains a tremendous anchor in my life. I recommend it highly to anyone searching for God and spiritual fulfillment.” A founder of JSerra elementary school in ►



Orange County, California, and the endower of the Busch School of Business at the Catholic University of America, he is also a successful Catholic networker. He writes on religious subjects for the *National Review* and has launched a series of pilgrimages to the Holy Land, England, Paris and Rome for 2023-25. In October, he hosted a New York conference on “Principled Entrepreneurship” which included a Eucharistic procession from St Patrick’s Cathedral with Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

### Robert E Campbell Former vice chairman, 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, his alma mater and where he was presented with its Founder’s Award in 2008. 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, 71 and 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. He has maintained a longstanding active career in public service and has held several senior positions in presidential campaigns. Cari was appointed by President Bill Clinton as chairman of the board of

the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, a 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 aid those who suffer from human-rights violations.

### Rick Caruso Founder, Caruso Family Foundation

Rick Caruso, 64, is a retired real estate developer in Los Angeles and founder of the Caruso Family Foundation, which focuses on improving the lives of children in need of healthcare and education. A graduate of the University of Southern California (USC) and Pepperdine School of Law, Caruso served as USC’s board chair and in 2015 was named Pepperdine’s alumnus of the year. The Caruso Catholic Center and Our Savior Catholic Church on the USC campus are named after him.

### Emanuel Chirico Former chairman and director, PVH Corp

Emanuel Chirico is chairman of PVH Corp. It owns a family of iconic 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 world’s leading fashion and lifestyle companies, 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. Chirico also supports the Ronald McDonald House in London, and was honoured at their annual gala in 2015.

### Jim Clerkin Chairman, Demeter & Co

Jim Clerkin has over 40 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 work, he is the chairman of Co-Operation Ireland in the UK, which is a non-profit organisation promoting peace and reconciliation. In 2022, he became the chairman of Demeter & Co.

### Timothy and 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 and been part of six startups that have reached the valuation of £1 billion. He has built an extensive career in engineering and technology and as a venture capitalist. The focus of Wendy and Tim Connors’ philanthropy is directed towards Catholic causes such as the University of Notre Dame, Catholic Charities London, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Saint Raymond Parish and Sacred Heart Prep High School.

### John F Crowley CEO, Amicus Therapeutics

John F Crowley, 56, is the executive chairman of Amicus Therapeutics, a global biotechnology company he founded in 2005, 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. The 2010 medical drama *Extraordinary Measures* is based on his story. 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, 77, 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 received a scholarship to attend Syracuse University and upon graduation, spent three years as a supply officer in the Navy before graduating from Harvard Business School in 1974, where he was a Teagle Foundation Fellow. In 2003, he and fellow Catholic business leaders founded the Lumen Institute, whose purpose is “to form business leaders and transform culture”. His philanthropic work follows what he calls his “five pillars” of philanthropy: faith-based giving, educational programmes, free enterprise, the performing arts and mental health research.

### Jim Davis Founder, Packaging Express

Jim Davis established Packaging Express of Colorado Springs in 1998 and continues to serve as a partner. Prior to this venture, Davis

spent over 30 years as a partner at Denver’s Deline Box Company. His professional achievements led to his induction into the Association of Independent Corrugated Converters/Paperboard Packaging Hall of Fame in 2013. Beyond his professional endeavours, Davis extends his leadership to community service as a member of the National Advisory Board of the Catholic Leadership Institute.

### Samuel A DiPiazza Jr Chairman, Warner Bros

Samuel A DiPiazza Jr, 73, is the chairman of Warner Bros Discovery and is a former CEO of PricewaterhouseCoopers. He 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. Since

2014, he has also been chairman of the board of trustees for the Mayo Clinic.

### Charles Dolan Founder, Cablevision and HBO

Charles Dolan, 97, 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 University’s showcase building. He is the chairman emeritus of the Lustgarten Foundation, the largest private funder of pancreatic cancer research in the world.

### Dixon Doll Co-Founder and Partner Emeritus, DCM Ventures

For over 35 years, Dixon Doll has

provided counsel to entrepreneurs, investors and executives within the computer, communications and internet sectors. He is the founder of DCM Ventures, a prominent global VC firm with offices in Silicon Valley, Beijing and Tokyo. DCM is recognised as the first Silicon Valley venture firm to successfully invest in China, Japan and the US. In 2021, Doll was awarded the lifetime achievement award in venture capital by the US National Venture Capital Association. He currently serves on the boards of the Papal Foundation and the Catholic Investment Services.

### Lucy Doughty Trustee, Doughty Family Foundation

Lucy Doughty is a trustee of the Doughty Family Foundation, a charity working in the areas of health, financial hardship and education in London. She also spends time in New York where last year she was

the special guest and honoree of the 2023 Glasswing Gala, hosted during National Hispanic Heritage Month. The event raised over \$1 million to help fund education and mental health programmes for children and youth in Latin America, the Caribbean and New York City. According to *Vogue*, Catholic philanthropist Doughty, of Dominican descent, was “honoured for her commitment to youth, families and underserved communities globally, as well as her work in the Dominican Republic and New York”.

### The Fanjul Family Sugar magnates

Born in Cuba, Alfonso, José, Alexander and Andres Fanjul are the sons of the sugar baron Alfonso Fanjul Sr and are all co-owners of Fanjul Corp, a huge sugar and real estate conglomerate in the US and Dominican Republic. Some of its subsidiaries include La Romana International Airport and 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. Emilia Fanjul is married to Pepe and is active in several Palm Beach charities. One of her fundraising dinners, ‘A Night of Great Expectation’, was attended by King Juan Carlos I of Spain and raised ▶

Top row from left: Samuel A DiPiazza, Lucy Doughty, Jim Clerkin; bottom row: Emanuel Chirico, John F Crowley, Daniel A D’Aniello; left: Rick Caruso





over a million dollars to support three Florida charter schools. The family are prominent in local, state and national politics and give money to both the Democrat and Republican parties.

### Sean Fieler President and CIO, Equinox Partners

Sean 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 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 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 the Dominican priest Father John McGuire.

### Melinda French Gates Philanthropist and former GM, Microsoft

Melinda French Gates, 59, is a philanthropist and former general manager at Microsoft. In 2000, she and her former husband Bill Gates founded the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which focuses on enhancing healthcare and reducing extreme poverty across the world. Most recently, her philanthropic work has seen her join forces with Amal Clooney and Michelle Obama

to end child marriage. 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 practices her own brand of Catholicism; however, in 2012 she broke publicly with the Church's opposition to artificial birth control when the Gates Foundation launched a global campaign to expand provision of contraception.

### Christina Glorioso Senior vice president, NBCUniversal Media

Christina Glorioso has over 25 years of experience in marketing and sales across the media, entertainment and technology industries. 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. She has previously served on the National Alumni Association board and the Monogram Club board of directors. She is a native of Rockville Centre, New York and has four sons who are receiving a Catholic education at St Agnes Cathedral School.

### Frank J Hanna III Entrepreneur and philanthropist

Frank J Hanna III is the CEO of Hanna Capital in Atlanta, Georgia, since 2006. Inside Catholic has described him as one of the leading Catholic philanthropists in the US. Hanna has served on the boards of the 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 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 preschool through post-secondary. These include two schools in Atlanta, serving on the boards of each: Holy Spirit Preparatory School and Holy Spirit College.

### David Hayes Managing partner, MM Hayes

David Hayes is a managing partner at MM Hayes, 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. From 2016-19, he stood as chair of the trustees board for the Academy of the Holy Names school in Albany.

### Thomas J Healey Healey Family Foundation

Thomas J Healey, 81, was a partner at Goldman Sachs and is a senior fellow at Harvard University's John F Kennedy

**From the top: Frank J Hanna III, Sean Fieler, Melinda French Gates, Steven M Hilton, Daniel Keegan; right: Luci Baines Johnson**



School of Government. He was a former assistant secretary of the US 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 St Katharine Drexel Award for Catholic philanthropy. He is married to Margaret Healey. They have two children and nine grandchildren

### Stephen Henley President, Legatus International

Stephen Henley has been serving as the president of Legatus International since 2016. Legatus International is the peer group for top Catholic executives, with a membership of over 5,000 individuals. Prior to his role as president, Henley held the position of Legatus regional vice president. A graduate of Ave Maria University and a father of six, he brings a wealth of experience to his leadership role. Henley spent six years as a sergeant in the US Marine Corps, including a full-year activation and a seven-month deployment in Iraq. Following his military service, he served as the director of security and life safety at Ave Maria University.

### Steven M Hilton Chairman, Conrad Hilton Foundation

Steven M Hilton, 72, is the son of hotel magnate Barron Hilton and grandson of Conrad Hilton, who founded the Hilton hotels chain. He lives in Malibu 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. Hilton has also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Pepperdine University and has been honoured by the St Joseph Center and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society through its Southern California Chapter.

### Luci Baines Johnson Businesswoman and philanthropist

Luci Baines Johnson, 76, is an American businesswoman and philanthropist. She is the younger daughter of President Lyndon B Johnson and Claudia Johnson. Johnson converted to Roman Catholicism at the age of 18.

Since 1993, she has held the position of chairman of the board and manager at LBJ Asset Management Partners. Additionally, she serves on the board of directors of the LBJ Foundation and has been actively involved in various civic boards, contributing to fundraising efforts for the American Heart Association.

Johnson has also served as a 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. Keegan lives in New York with his wife, Elizabeth, and four children.

### Alexia Kelley President and CEO, FADICA

Alexia Kelley is the president and CEO of FADICA, (Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities) as well as the former director of the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-based and Community Partnerships.

She was also the principal



founder and executive director of Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good. She holds degrees from Haverford College and Harvard Divinity School.

### Liam J Kelly President and CEO, Teleflex

Liam J Kelly is the chairman, president and CEO of healthcare solutions firm Teleflex. He joined Teleflex in 2009 and since then has held a variety of roles. In 2019, Teleflex received the Ambassador Award from the Irish American Business Chamber & Network. 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.

### Michael LaCivita Director of communications, CNEWA

Michael LaCivita, who is director of communications at the Catholic Near East Welfare Association is also regional Lieutenant of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and Saint John of Jerusalem. He is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and also serves on the board of the US Catholic Media Association. He was co-chair of CNEWA's highly successful 2023 'Healing & Hope' gala dinner, which raised over \$500,000 and honoured John Studzinski and Good Shepherd Sister Marie Claude Naddaf.

### Kenneth G Langone Businessman and philanthropist

Kenneth Gerard Langone, 88, is a businessman, investor and philanthropist who helped finance the founding of The Home Depot. He was portrayed by actor Ray Liannicelli in the HBO drama *Wizard of Lies*, about Bernie Madoff. He has contributed ▶



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, stating in a 2019 interview that "my faith is everything", 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 second-largest private landowner, possessing 2.2 million acres. Born in Connecticut, he built Tele-Communications Inc into a cable and media giant from 1973 to 1996. Malone is now chairman and the 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 £50 million to the university's engineering school and another £30 million to the Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering to build the Malone Hall. He is proud of his Irish heritage and has restored Humewood Castle in Wicklow, various hotels in Dublin and Limerick and Castlemartin House on 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.

### FJ McCarthy President, Genesis Real Estate Advisors

FJ McCarthy is president of Genesis Real Estate Advisors and board trustee of Northwell Health. He is a graduate of Fordham's Gabelli School of Business. In July

2022, he was appointed as the magisterial delegate to oversee the Irish arm of the Order of Malta. In a letter to members of the Irish association, Mr McCarthy said Rome had "identified certain problems within the association" which he was tasked with fixing.

### Patrick W McGrory Chairman, the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities

Patrick W McGrory is a private-wealth specialist with Liberty Point Advisors. With a career spanning over 25 years, he has played an important role in the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, a foundation associated with his family. McGrory is the chairman of the foundation, which is dedicated to supporting domestic and international projects aligned with the Catholic Church.

He is also a board member of the Global Solidarity Fund. In recognition of his contributions, he was honoured with the Ignatius Award by the Saint Joseph's University Alumni Association in 2016.

### Daniel and 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. Since 2009, she has been president of the Saint Agatha Foundation, an organisation started by her daughter to help women suffering from illnesses with costs of surgery, medication and treatment not covered by insurance.

### 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, in 1988, 93 per cent of the company to Bain Capital for \$1 billion. Since then, he has devoted his time and fortune to Catholic causes. 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 Berarda 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

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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 Legatus International, Ave Maria University and the Spiritus Sanctus Academies. Notably, he also built Ave Maria town in Florida, designed to support the university he helped found.

### William Mumma Board chairman, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

William P. Mumma is Board Chairman of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. He graduated from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service and took his MBA from Columbia University. Mumma served a 30-year career on Wall Street as CEO of Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), and previously worked at Nomura Securities International and Bankers Trust. He also serves as the board chairman for FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and serves on the board of the National Civil Liberties Alliance. He has been married to his wife Kathy since 1983. They have six children and 17 grandchildren.

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

Robert Nardelli, 75, 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. Nardelli is a practising Catholic, was an altar boy growing up and has appeared on EWTN to give his opinion on the Catholic faith in the business world. Nardelli also served as the head of operations and advisory business of Cerberus Capital Management. He has also worked at General Electric, where he was one of the top executives.

### Robert Neal Managing director, Hager Pacific Properties

Robert Neal, 61, is a managing director with Hager Pacific Properties. Neal is active in the Church's charitable activities and has held board positions with the Orange County Council of the Boys Scouts of America, Catholic Relief Services, the Becket Fund, the Catholic Leadership Institute, the Pacific Club, the Magis Institute of Reason and Faith, the Orange Coast Chapter of Legatus International, Second Harvest Food Bank and Christ Catholic Cathedral Corporation. Both Neal and his wife, Berni, are stewards of the Papal Foundation. Together they have two children and two grandchildren.

### 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 has served as chair of the Finance Committee for

the Catholic Diocese of Orlando, is founding chair of the Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, is a member of the President's Advisory Council for Fellowship of Catholic University Students and has previously served as a board member and chair of the Catholic Leadership Institute. Orosz is also a member of the Napa Institute Guild.

### Maureen Sherry Klinsky Board member, Alfred E Smith Foundation

Maureen Sherry Klinsky is a former senior executive on Wall Street and best-selling author of the novel *Opening Belle*, which is described as an "unconventional love story and funny account of what life is really like for women working in the hardball, high-stakes world of high finance". She is a board member of the Alfred E Smith Foundation and several other charitable organisations, including Great Oaks Charter Schools and the Gary Klinsky Children's Centers. A former managing director at Bears Stearns, she has written for *Fortune* and the *New York Times* and tutors at inner city schools.

She and her husband live with their four children and pets in New York City.

### Lewis Ranieri Chairman, Ranieri Partners

Lewis Ranieri, 76, 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. In 2012, St John's University recognised Ranieri with the Spirit of Service award for his commitment to serving others and his contributions to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.

### Mark Rauenhorst President, Marren Properties

Mark Rauenhorst, 61, 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 Catholic Relief Services, Creighton University, GHR Foundation, the Advisory Council for the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business and Ascension Catholic Academy, a consortium of Catholic schools serving highly diverse neighbourhoods in the Minneapolis-St Paul metropolitan area.

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, 41, 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, stating in a recent interview: "I draw from my faith, from my prayer life, to empower how I envision how we're going to do great in the world through our businesses." 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 ►



From top row, right to left: Tom Monaghan, Robert Nardelli, Kenneth G Langone; Bottom row: Peter Rex, William S Orosz, Patrick W McGrory



helped found the Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School, providing a Catholic education to 175 low-income students.

### Marcos A Rodriguez CEO, Palladium Equity Partners

Marcos A Rodriguez serves as chairman and CEO of Palladium Equity Partners and many of its portfolio companies. He is also on the board of the Alfred E Smith Foundation.

He graduated from Columbia University and has an MBA from the Wharton School. His foundation helps provide youth from impoverished families with an education that will empower them in the future.

### Mario Paredes CEO, Somos Health

Mario Paredes is CEO of Somos Health. Paredes has over 30 years of experience as an executive in healthcare administration and has extensive experience as a leader in business development.

He is a member of the board of trustees for the American Bible Society and is also a founder and chairman of the board for Catholic Association of Latino Leaders and is today its chairman emeritus. Paredes serves as a member of the board of directors of America Media, is a director and former president of the North American-Chilean Chamber of Commerce of New York, member of the board of directors of the Latin American Academy of Catholic Leaders, and is the former treasurer and vice president of the Gabriela Mistral Foundation

Paredes earned his master of philosophy at the Catholic University of Argentina, master of religious education at Loyola University Chicago and postgraduate studies at Georgetown University.

### Frank Saul CEO, Saul Centers

Frank Saul has been the chairman and chief executive officer of Saul Centers, a private real estate firm based in Bethesda, Maryland, which he inherited from his grandfather, since June 1993. 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 Pontifice decoration.

### Christine Schwarzman Lawyer and philanthropist

Christine Schwarzman, a lawyer and the wife of Stephen Schwarzman, the founder and CEO of Blackstone, entered into an interfaith marriage with Schwarzman in 1995. She has been actively involved in supporting Catholic education.

In 2001, she facilitated an introduction between Stephen Schwarzman and the late Archbishop of New York, Cardinal Edward Egan, leading to Schwarzman providing financial advice to assist the archdiocese's finances.

The Schwarzmans have a longstanding commitment to sponsoring students at Catholic schools. In 2015, they made a significant donation of \$40 million to support underprivileged students in receiving a Catholic education. This philanthropic gesture was followed by a special visit from Pope Francis to Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem, New York.

### MacKenzie Scott Philanthropist

MacKenzie Scott, 53, is a novelist and philanthropist who is the ex-wife of Amazon founder Jeff

Bezos. At Princeton she was taught by Toni Morrison, the Nobel Prize-winning Catholic novelist. Morrison introduced her to Jeff Bezos. In 2005, she published her debut novel *The Testing of Luther Albright*, following it in 2013 with *Traps*. Scott 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. Her parents are active members of the Florida Catholic community, attending galas for the Catholic charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach. Scott has given substantial sums to homeless charities affiliated with the Catholic Church.

### Antoun Nabil Sehnaoui Entrepreneur

Antoun Nabil Sehnaoui, 51, 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 Général 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 donated the funds to build the shrine dedicated to St Charbel at St Patrick’s Cathedral in New York in honour of his parents.

### William E Simon Chairman, the William E Simon Foundation

William Simon is a businessman, philanthropist and professor at the University of California. Currently he serves as the chairman of the William E Simon Foundation and the Cynthia L & William E Simon Jr Foundation. 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. He and his wife are members of St Monica Catholic Church in Santa Monica, California.

### Lisa and Justin Simpson Philanthropists

Lisa and Justin Simpson are from the Bay Area, California. Justin currently serves as the CEO of the Global Fund for Forgotten People, an initiative of the Order of Malta which aims to care for the people who need it most and are often overlooked. 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 a 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. She has 25 years of philanthropic experience and serves as a lay consultant to the US 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 Catholic philanthropy network. She is married with a son and two daughters. Smith received a master’s degree in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and both a master’s degree in Latin American studies and economic development, and a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.



### J Albert ‘Tripp’ Smith Co-founder, GSO Capital Partners

Albert ‘Tripp’ Smith, 57, is the co-founder of GSO Capital Partners. After selling the company for \$1 billion to the Blackstone Group in 2008, he remained as managing director until his departure 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 graduating in 1987 from the University of Notre Dame.

### Michael Spellacy CEO, Atlas Crest Investment Corp

Michael Spellacy is CEO of Atlas Crest Investment Corp. He has been recognised as a member of the Global 100 Irish Business Leaders and has a BSc in economics from the London School of Economics and an MBA from the University of Hartford. He is also a financial services industry leader at Alvarez & Marsal.

### Mark Thompson CEO, CNN

Sir Mark Thompson, 66, is CEO of TV network CNN and chairman of the board of directors of Ancestry, the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world. He is the former president and CEO of the New York Times Company and a former director-general of the BBC. He was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 2017. Thompson’s mother Sydney was

Left from top: Mackenzie Scott, Andy Unanue, Paul Tosetti, Gabriella Smith, Christine Schwarzman

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community and improves local business through the arts. He describes himself as a devoted supporter of the Catholic Church.

### Michael J Wolohan President, Wolohan Family Foundation

Michael J Wolohan is an orthopaedic surgeon with 28 years of practice in Saginaw, Michigan. He obtained his BSc from the University of Notre Dame. Beyond his medical practice, Wolohan is actively involved in various philanthropic and community service endeavours. He serves as the president of the Wolohan Family Foundation, holds the position of chair of the board at FADICA, and is a member of the Catholic Relief Services Foundation Board.

Additionally, Wolohan currently is the president of the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan. Over the years, he has been actively involved in advocating for and supporting Saginaw Area Catholic Schools. He and his wife, Marcia, have six children. He is also actively involved in politics and endorsed Donald Trump in 2020. ■



# 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.

In this 2019 book, *The Missionary of Wall Street: From Managing Money to Saving Souls on the Streets of New York*, he describes how he is a missionary on the streets of New York, where he strives to bring lapsed Catholics back to the Church.

## Frank Bisignano CEO, Fiserv

Frank Bisignano, 64, was born in Brooklyn, started his career at Shearson Lehman Brothers and made his mark at Citigroup by running its global transaction services unit. He moved to JPMorgan Chase in 2005, integrating the bank's purchases of troubled Bear Stearns and bankrupt Washington Mutual. He led Morgan's acquisition of Canary Wharf in London. In 2013, he became chairman and CEO of First Data

and became CEO of Fiserv after its acquisition of First Data in 2019. His contract at Fiserv has been extended through 2027.

## John J Brennan Former chairman, The Vanguard Group

John J Brennan, 69, served as chairman of The Vanguard Group, an American registered investment company 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, from which his three children graduated, and the board of Catholic Investment.



## Christopher F Brown Founder and director, GEM Group

Christopher Brown was the founder of Global Emerging Markets Group. Today, through its US affiliate, Gem Investments America LLC, he oversees a portfolio of dozens of global companies at GEM's New York office. He began his finance career with Drexel Burnham Lambert in the 1980s, later joined Smith Barney as an investment adviser and worked for Shearson Lehman Brothers from 1988 to 1993.

He served on the board of directors of the Global Leadership Foundation and has been the co-chairman of L'Officiel Inc. As chairman of Catholic Herald Limited, he supports many Catholic foundations and events in the US and UK.

## George P Clancy Former president and CEO, Signet Bank

George P Clancy Jr, 78, was president and CEO of Signet Bank and senior executive vice-president of Signet Banking Corporation prior to joining Chevy Chase Bank in 1995. Clancy is a director of WGL Holdings, Saul Centers 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 (UMCP) Foundation and a member of the executive committee of the Washington DC Police Fund. 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, 61, 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, and is vice chairman and treasurer of the Catholic Relief Services Foundation.

Creamer is also the president of the Thomas Becket Foundation at Brown University, his alma mater, whose mission is to provide financial support for the Catholic ministry at Brown and Rhode Island School of Design. Creamer is 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 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, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Philadelphia Hospitality, and the Board of Education for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. His awards include the Distinguished Catholic Graduate Award and the American Catholic Historical Society's Barry Award.

## William P Curtis Principal, Porter & Curtis

William P Curtis is a principal in Porter & Curtis, an insurance and risk management firm. It is a division of Heffernan Insurance Brokers and is especially active in Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of St Joseph's University and Temple University School of Law.

Left: José Enrique Fernández  
Right from top: Chritopher F Brown, James P Flaherty, Mary Callahan Erdoes, J Christopher Donahue, Stephen Auth

## 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, Connecticut for 24 years. He has also served as a sponsor in the Student Sponsor Partners 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 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. Across his extensive career, he has been the head of 22 different companies. 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 the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and the World Affairs Council.

## Louis T Donatelli Founder and chairman emeritus, Donatelli Development

Louis Donatelli is chairman emeritus of Donatelli Development. 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, 56, 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 the Robin Hood Foundation and the US Fund for UNICEF.

## José Enrique Fernández Former CEO and president, Oriental Bank

José Enrique Fernández played a significant role as the president and CEO of Oriental Financial Group from 1996 to 2004, and also as the president and CEO of Oriental Bank from 1988 to 2004. During his leadership, he transformed Oriental into a multibillion-dollar institution, offering a range of consumer and commercial banking solutions throughout Puerto Rico. Pope John Paul II awarded him the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice decoration 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, 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.

At Fordham, he has established two scholarship funds and serves on the committee for Fordham's Cura Personalis campaign – “For every Fordham student” – which seeks to raise \$350 million for priorities including access and affordability. He cites Father George McMahon, former dean of Fordham College, as having made a significant impact on his life.

**Mario Gabelli**  
**Founder, Gabelli Asset Management Company Investors**

Mario Gabelli, 81, 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.

He also helped create the Boston College Presidential Scholars Program, which in 2014 was renamed the Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program, in recognition of his continued support.

**John Galvin**  
**Founder, Triskelion Consulting**

John Galvin, a resident of San Francisco, founded Triskelion Consulting with a primary focus on leadership coaching and business consulting. Galvin has a proven track record of guiding organisations through significant transformations. Although his

parents were originally from County Kerry, they met and married in New York. After a long and successful career in tech, Galvin is now a leadership coach who helps others pursue their dreams.

**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* (now *WealthManagement*). He has appeared on CNBC and NPR and been quoted in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal* and *Barron's*.

He has written various investment books and is affiliated with the Institute for Private Investors, CFA Institute Committee for Investment Policy and the Papal Foundation, the Roman Catholic Foundation, and Cor Jesu Academy.

In the village of Boyo in Kenya, he helped to found the Rev James Kiseru Children's clinic. 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 Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut and the Diocese Springfield, Massachusetts.

**John R Greed**  
**President, Mutual of America Life Insurance Company**

John R Greed is president, chairman 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 ensures the company remains active in philanthropy and has stated that it is dedicated to “making a positive impact in the communities where we all live and work”.

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.

Greed is also a member of the Archdiocese of New York's finance council.

**David Hanna**  
**CEO and co-founder, Atlanticus Holdings Corporation**

David Hanna serves as the CEO, chairman of the board and co-founder of Atlanticus Holdings Corporation, a company that has been at the forefront of developing and implementing consumer credit solutions since its establishment in 1996. Beyond his business endeavours, Hanna actively engages in various philanthropic activities.

He is a trustee and co-founder of Holy Spirit Preparatory School in Atlanta, Georgia, and is a member of the board of trustees for the Lumen Institute as well as the Knights of Malta. His past involvement includes serving on the boards of Catholic Charities of Atlanta and St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Jacqueline Halbig von Schleppenbach**  
**Founder, Sovereign Global Solutions**

Jacqueline Halbig von Schleppenbach is the founder of Sovereign Global Solutions and a former staffer in the White House Office of Faith-based Initiatives. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, she is a board member of the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast.

**James A Hislop**  
**Co-founder and MD, Penske Capital Partners and TRP Capital Partners**

James A Hislop is a co-founder and managing director of two private-equity investment firms, Penske Capital Partners and TRP Capital Partners. Since 1997, these firms have raised five investment funds, leading to over \$1 billion primarily in control equity investments within the transportation industry.

In addition to his contributions to the business sector, Hislop holds the position of vice chairman and managing director of Lumen Institute and he is a co-founder of the Hislop Family Foundation, which focuses on benefiting causes related to children, cancer research, Christianity and organisations assisting individuals with cerebral palsy.

**Sean Kelleher**  
**President, Wall Street Access**

Sean Kelleher joined Wall Street Access in 1992 and has helped guide the firm through successful ventures in online brokerage, institutional research and trading and asset management. He manages a team of traders and salespeople and is responsible for providing leadership and awareness of the firm's execution and research offerings.

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 and their three children.

**Alfred F Kelly**  
**Executive chairman, Visa**

New York resident Alfred F Kelly Jr, 65, is the executive chairman 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 sits 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.

In 2020, Kelly was named a guardian for the Council for Inclusive Capitalism with the Vatican, which strives to follow the call of Pope Francis to apply principles of morality to business and investment practices.

**Vincenzo La Ruffa**  
**President, Aquiline Capital Partners**

Vincenzo is managing partner of Aquiline and an influential US Catholic philanthropist. He serves on the investment committees for the AFS, ATG and ACO fund groups and on the boards of portfolio companies across the firm. La Ruffa and his wife Caitlin are major donors to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and also support the Catholic Herald Institute. He is a member of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St George and 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, Pennsylvania, where he hosted Cardinal Müller in October 2021.

La Ruffa is also a founder of the Neumann Forum, a Philadelphia-based non-profit, headed by

George Gunning, which is dedicated to defending the faith and preserving the traditions of the Catholic Church through speaker events and academic symposia. It recognises and supports individuals and institutions who are steadfast in their defence of the faith and in the preservation of Catholic catechism, education and tradition. He lives with his wife and children in Philadelphia.

**Peter Lynch**  
**Investor and philanthropist**

Peter Lynch, 79, is an investor, mutual fund manager and philanthropist. As the manager of the Magellan Fund at Fidelity Investments, Lynch helped make 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. Lynch received the 1992 Seton Award from the National Catholic Education Association.

**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 has been advising the Holy See on banking reforms initiated by Pope Francis since the first months of his pontificate, and in 2016 was appointed to the board of the Vatican Bank.

**Mark McCaffrey**  
**CFO, GoDaddy**

Mark McCaffrey, who lives in San Jose, California, is the chief financial officer of GoDaddy. His experience in the technology, media and telecommunications sector spans over two decades, during which he held various roles at PricewaterhouseCoopers. A graduate of Pace University, McCaffrey has actively contributed to his community through board memberships. He served as a board member at the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose and holds the position of 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 ►



Top row from left: **Jacqueline Halbig von Schleppenbach**, **Mark McCaffrey**, **Alfred F Kelly**  
Below: **Niall J Gannon**, **John R Greed**, **Vincenzo La Ruffa**



leading provider of financial services and products which leverages cutting-edge technology to deliver liquidity to the global markets and innovative trading solutions to its clients. In 2022, she was a finalist in *Traders Magazine's* US Women in Finance Awards. Prior to her time at Virtu, Mooney worked in the securities division at Goldman Sachs and at the New York Stock Exchange. Mooney serves on the board of directors of the Alfred E Smith Memorial Foundation.

**Brian Moynihan**  
Chairman and CEO,  
Bank of America

Brian Moynihan, 64, is chairman and CEO of Bank of America. He comes from an Irish Catholic family of nine children; his brother Patrick served as 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, launched by the King in 2020. In July 2020, Moynihan was named *Chief Executive* magazine's 2020 CEO of the Year. Moynihan sits on the Vatican Council for Inclusive Capitalism. He is married to Susan Berry and they have three children.

**Kathleen Murphy**  
President, Fidelity  
Investments

Kathleen Murphy, 60, is the president of Fidelity Investments. She is a board member at Snyk Technologies and an advisory board member at Flipt RX. Murphy also holds positions on the board of directors of the Markle Foundation and is the 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 *American 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 contributes to various philanthropic and educational initiatives.

He serves as the chair of the New York Catholic Foundation and the Finance Committee of the Archdiocese of New York, showcasing his commitment to supporting Catholic causes. Additionally, he is a board member of 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 is currently the chairman of Fordham University's Presidents Council and a board member of the Catholic Communal Fund. He is also chairman of the leadership committee of the Archdiocese of New York's Cardinal's Appeal.

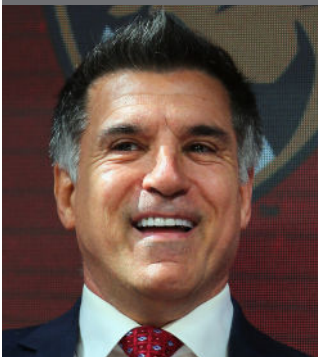
**Opposite: Brian Moynihan**  
**Right, from top: Philip J Purcell,**  
**Vincent Viola, Kathleen Murphy,**  
**Jim O'Donnell, Robert H Niehaus**

**Jim O'Donnell**  
CEO, Citi Global Wealth

Jim O'Donnell is CEO and vice chair at Citi Global Wealth. 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," he said. 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 a managing director



with the MDP Telecom, Media & Technology Services team. He previously worked with First Chicago Venture Capital and the First National Bank of Chicago. Perry serves on the boards of Asurion Corporation, Centennial Towers, The Topps Company and NexGen Capital Partners. A practising Catholic, he sits on the board of the Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago and is a member of the Lumen Christi Institute. In addition, he is on the board of overseers of the University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences, serves on the Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago and is the chairman of the board of Empower Illinois.

**Christopher Poch**  
Private wealth investor

Chris Poch is a private wealth investor at Morgan Stanley. He is currently an adviser to several technology startups focusing on cybersecurity, fintech, and ag-tech. He began his career as a financial adviser in Washington, DC then moved to New York. Poch 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.

**Juan Pujadas**  
Former global  
chairman, PwC

Juan Pujadas is the former global chairman of PwC, a board member of Wells Fargo and adviser of early-stage companies to Blumberg Capital.

He graduated from the Wharton School and has held many other board memberships.

**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 there, 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, having been with the company since 2004. A devout Catholic, he 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, 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 chairman and CEO of Palladium Equity Partners in New York, which he founded in 1997. 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.

**Peter de Svastich**  
Managing director,  
GEM Group

Peter de Svastich is an Hungarian-born, Princeton-educated managing director of the GEM Group and various subsidiaries. A longtime court tennis champion, his primary background is in finance and banking. As managing director of the GEM Group, he is responsible for the overall operations of GEM in Latin America, Mexico and Southern Europe. Peter received a BA cum laude from Princeton University, an LLB

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and JD from the Yale Law School, and a Latin American Teaching Fellowship from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

**Paul Tramontano**  
Executive managing director,  
Cresset Capital

Paul Tramontano is the executive managing director at Cresset Capital. Previously he was senior managing director at First Republic Investment Management and CEO at Constellation Wealth Advisors. He graduated from Villanova and the Wharton School of Business.

**Vincent Viola**  
Founder and chairman,  
Virtu Financial

New Yorker Vincent Viola, 67, is the founder of Virtu Financial and has served as the executive chairman since November 2013. 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 and Justice

## Samuel Alito Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Samuel Alito, 73, 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 Catholic and, following 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 in July 2022, stating that religious freedom was "under attack in many places because it is dangerous to those who want to hold complete power". He has consistently voted in accordance with his conscience, recently dissenting when the Supreme Court reversed a ruling that would

have banned the morning-after pill drug, mifepristone.

## Carl A Anderson Lawyer and former supreme knight of Columbus

Carl Anderson, 72, is a lawyer who, until 2021, served as 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. He was the only Catholic layman from North America to serve as an auditor at the World Synod of Bishops in 2001, 2005 and 2008. In addition, Anderson participated as an auditor in the 2012 Synod of Bishops.

## Amy Coney Barrett Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Amy Coney Barrett, 51, 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 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. In October 2023, she said she and her fellow justices should be subject to a code of ethics to restore public confidence in the nation's highest bench. All eyes will be on her and conservative bench colleagues in regards to Trump's appeal to the US supreme court in early 2024 to reverse the ruling that removed him from the ballot in Colorado, for inciting an insurrection. The decision may significantly impact the next US election.

## Stephen Brogan 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 the former managing partner of Jones Day, he led the firm for 20 years with a CEO-like role over the company's 40-plus global offices (he closed its Moscow doors in 2019). The *New York Times* describes Jones Day 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 once forming part of the Trump administration, including former White House counsel Don McGahn, the firm under Brogan exercised unrivalled access and power in Washington. The firm has also played an influential role in filling US courts with conservative Federalist Society judges.

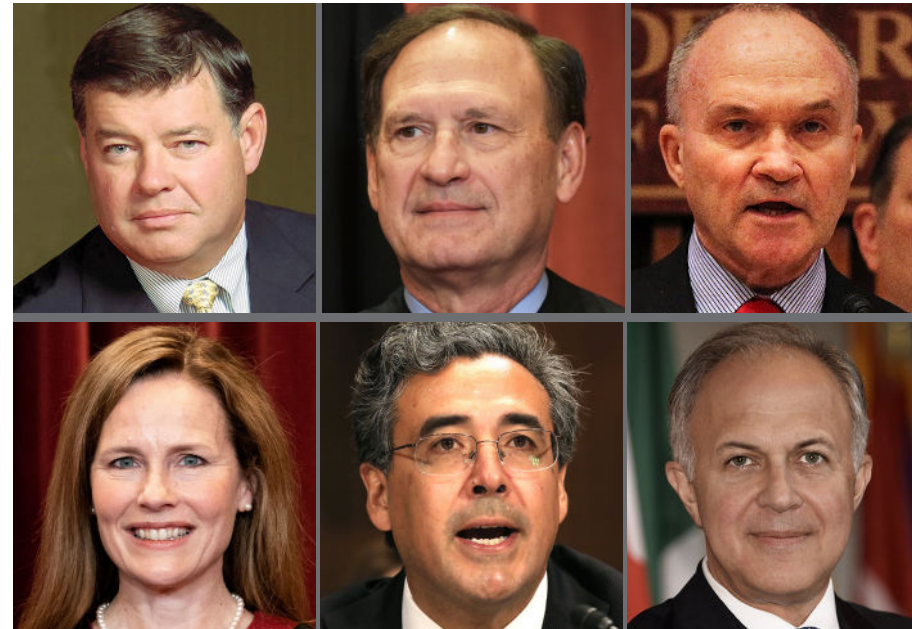
The son of a New York police officer, Brogan's faith is key to what drives him. He is a "hardcore Catholic and that is the bedrock of who he is", a Jones Day source told the *New York Times* in a 2022 profile of the firm. Under Brogan, Jones Day showed strong moral leadership in terms of taking on

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 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. Brogan stepped down as head of Jones Day at the end of 2022, naming his successor as Gregory Shumaker. Both lawyers share close ties to the University of Notre Dame: Brogan serves on its board of trustees, and Shumaker served on Notre Dame's Law School Advisory Council.

## Noel Francisco Former US Solicitor General

Noel Francisco, 54, is a senior Jones Day lawyer 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 Filipino father came to America to become a doctor in New York. He received a BA in economics with honours in 1991, and his JD with high honours five years later, from the University of Chicago. He is married with two daughters, lives in Washington, and has served on the board of the Lumen Christi Institute.



Opposite: Brett Kavanaugh; right from top left: Stephen Brogan, Samuel Alito, Raymond Kelly, Amy Coney Barrett, Noel Francisco, Carl A Anderson

## Peter J Johnson Jr President, Leahey & Johnson

Peter James Johnson, serving as the president of Leahey & Johnson in New York, has built a distinguished reputation 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 advocate for the victims of the September 11 attacks. In recognition of his contributions, Johnson holds the title of honorary deputy chief of the New York Fire Department. Additionally, he has served as a director and received honours from the Catholic Interracial Council.

## Brett Kavanaugh Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Brett Kavanaugh, 58, serves as an associate justice of the US Supreme Court. Nominated by former President Donald Trump in 2018, Kavanaugh's confirmation was marked by a closely contested vote in the US Senate. Prior to his appointment, he held the position of US circuit judge on the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Kavanaugh is of Irish Catholic descent. He has

participated in serving meals to the homeless as part of church programmes and has also given his time to tutoring at the Washington Jesuit Academy, a Catholic private school in DC. As a former Trump nominee to the Supreme Court, his ruling in regards to whether the former president can be omitted from the Colorado primary ballot may have significant ramifications for the 2024 US election

## Raymond Kelly Former commissioner, New York City Police

Raymond Kelly, 83, 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. Kelly has also been the recipient of numerous honorary degrees from universities including St Thomas Aquinas College and the Catholic University of America.

## Leonard Leo Co-chair, the Federalist Society

Leonard Leo, 59, is an American attorney and a conservative advocate and one of the most influential Catholic lay leaders and philanthropists in the US. He held the position of vice president for an extended period at the Federalist Society and currently serves as the co-chairman of the organisation's board of directors alongside Steven Calabresi. He was instrumental in securing funding for, and ensuring the appointments, of most of the six conservative judges on the nation's highest bench, including Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett, who voted to overturn Roe v Wade. He is also an important figure working behind the scenes to sustain Christian values in public life as well as championing free speech.

Having served as the national co-chairman for Catholic outreach with the Republican National Committee and as the Catholic strategist for the 2004 Bush presidential campaign, Leo is a leading Catholic in the field of law. He holds a position on the board of the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast and has contributed to the boards of both the Catholic

Association and its affiliated Catholic Association Foundation. In December 2023, *Politico* reported on Leo's continuing public influence in those groups, and allies aligned with the conservative legal movement, of which Leo is regarded as the financial architect, are working together to promote a publicly funded Christian school in Oklahoma. They hope this will become a test case to change the Supreme Court's First Amendment's presumed separation of church and state in educational and faith matters.

The school in question is the St Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School, which may become the US's first religious school funded by tax dollars. The school already won approval from its school board in June. "If it survives legal challenges, it would open the door for state legislatures across the country to direct taxpayer funding to the creation of Christian or other sectarian schools," wrote *Politico*.

Known for his tailored three-piece suits, carrying a pocket watch, Catholic philanthropy and personal charisma, Leo operates from a large office in the Federalist Society Building in DC. He holds a BA from Cornell University and a JD from Cornell Law School. He is a Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and has seven children with his wife, Sally. They live between Northeast Harbor, Maine, and Washington DC.

## Charles LiMandri Lawyer

Charles LiMandri, 69, is an American lawyer based in California, known for his legal battles in defence of religious freedom. One of his prominent cases involved litigating against the American Civil Liberties Union in defence of the Mount Soledad Cross in San Diego, a case that extended over 25 years. In 2002, LiMandri founded the Freedom of ►





Conscience Defense Fund (FCDF) to support his pro bono work advocating for religious freedom. In 2021, he achieved success in litigation against the State of California before the US Supreme Court, compelling the governor to open churches for 40 million people. In 2022, LiMandri merged the FCDF into the Thomas More Society, a Catholic public interest law firm dedicated to promoting and protecting traditional family and pro-life values, as well as the religious freedom of Christians.

### George D Molinsky Partner, Taft Law

George D Molinsky, a partner at Taft Law in Cincinnati, specialises in corporate law. Best Lawyers named him Cincinnati's lawyer of the year for mergers and acquisitions law (2017) and venture capital law (2018 and 2021). He serves as a board member for Ruah Woods, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee. He studied at Notre Dame University, where he obtained his BA and JD, laying the foundation for his successful career in corporate law.

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

Thomas Moore, a senior partner at the New York law firm Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore, is one of the best trial lawyers in the US. He has a remarkable success rate, having won nine out of ten cases, and been named lawyer of the year multiple times by *Super Lawyers* magazine. He is a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, an elite group consisting of the top 100 trial attorneys in the country. Moore studied at 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, 68, has served as the 17th chief justice of the US Supreme Court since his appointment by President George W Bush in 2005. He is one of 15 Catholic judges in the Supreme Court's history and one of six 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, 67, is a lawyer, former executive at Blackwater Worldwide and also a former inspector general of the US 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, 70, is a distinguished international human rights lawyer and advocate for Christian religious freedom. 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, where she directs the Institute's Center for Religious Freedom. Shea was appointed

From from top: John Roberts, Sonia Sotomayor, Clarence Thomas, George D Molinsky, Joseph E Schmitz



commissioner on the US National Commission to Unesco in 2009. She also represented the US as a delegate to the UN Human Rights Council. She is the author of two books, *In the Lion's Den* and *Silenced*, both addressing issues of anti-Christian discrimination.

### Sonia Sotomayor Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Sonia Sotomayor, 69, has served on the US 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, ruling in favour of abortion and same-sex marriage.

### Clarence Thomas Associate justice, US Supreme Court

Clarence Thomas, 75, has served as a justice on the US 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. Thomas is the second African American to serve on the Supreme Court. ■

## Politics

### William Barr Former US attorney general

William Barr, 73, 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. He served from 2014-17 on the board of the Catholic Information Center of the Archdiocese of Washington.

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

Joseph Biden, 81, 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, 72, 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. Many feel that Joe Biden should not be receiving Communion because of this, though Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the archbishop of Washington, has said he is welcome to receive Communion at churches in the archdiocese. 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, 74, 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. At the time of his retirement, he was widely thought to be the most pro-life speaker of the House of Representatives there has been, though clashes over Planned Parenthood funding ultimately led him to resign his position.

### Jeb Bush Former governor of Florida

John "Jeb" Bush, 70, and from Houston, is a former politician and businessman who previously served as the 43rd governor of Florida. He is part of the Bush political family, being the son of former President George HW Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush, as well as the younger

Left: Joe and Jill Biden; above, from left to right: William Barr, Miguel H Díaz, John Boehner, Ron de Santis, Jeb Bush, Henry Cuellar

brother of former President George W Bush. In 1995, Jeb Bush converted to Catholicism. He has since become a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus.

### Joseph Cella Ambassador

Joseph Cella is an American diplomat and political adviser who served simultaneously as the United States Ambassador to Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga and Tuvalu from 2019 to 2021. A prominent Roman Catholic, Cella co-founded the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast and Catholic Vote. ►



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Kerry came to public attention as a decorated naval officer and Vietnam veteran who had been awarded three Purple Heart medals but became an anti-war activist

Henry Cuellar  
US representative for Texas

Henry Cuellar, 68, is an attorney and politician who has served as the US representative for Texas's 28th congressional district since 2005. He is considered to be one of the most conservative members of the Democratic Party. Cuellar has said that his Catholic faith guides him in his political career. In 2022, he won a competitive primary race, after a recount, to keep his congressional seat.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor of Florida

Ronald DeSantis, 45, 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 US Navy in 2004 and was promoted to lieutenant before being deployed to Iraq in 2007. On 24 May, 2023, DeSantis announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for US president of the United States. Although considered by many to

be a serious rival to Trump, his poll ratings have slipped badly and the chances of two Catholics fighting it out for the White House now look slim. But both have troubled Catholic records. While Biden supports abortion, DeSantis supports the death penalty being applied more often for heinous crimes. Two new pieces of legislation in Florida to make capital punishment easier have led to the Church expressing concern. Michael Sheedy, executive director of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, said: "Weakening the current standards in law to make it easier to impose death is deeply concerning." In recent years, 30 inmates on Florida's death row have been exonerated for the capital crimes they had been accused of.

Miguel H Díaz  
Former US ambassador to the Holy See

Miguel Díaz, 60, is a theologian and diplomat who served as the US ambassador to the Holy See from 2009 to 2012, following his nomination by President Barack Obama. He was the first Hispanic US ambassador accredited to the Holy See. Currently, Díaz holds the John Courtney Murray, SJ, University Chair in Public Service at Loyola University Chicago. In addition to his academic pursuits, he is an accomplished author, having written several books, and serves as the co-editor of *Disruptive Cartographers: Doing Theology Latinamente*. Díaz is also a contributor to the "Theology en la Plaza" column for the *National Catholic Reporter*. Díaz is a member of the Atlantic Council, part of the Ambassadors Circle at the National Democratic Institute, and holds positions on the board and as a senior fellow for religion and peacebuilding for the Alliance for Peacebuilding.

Díaz earned his PhD in Systematic Theology from the University of Notre Dame.

Joe Donnelly  
US ambassador to the Holy See

Joseph Donnelly, 67, is an American attorney, politician and diplomat who served as a US senator from Indiana from 2013 to 2019. In October 2021, President Joe Biden announced he would nominate Donnelly to serve as the United States ambassador to the Holy See. He presented his letters of credence to Pope Francis on 11 April, 2022. Born in Massapequa, New York, Donnelly graduated from the University of Notre Dame. Donnelly met his wife, Jill, at Notre Dame. They married in 1979 and have two children.

Catherine Glenn Foster  
Former president and CEO, Americans United for Life

Catherine Glenn Foster served as president and CEO of Americans United for Life from 2017 to 2023. An experienced keynote speaker, she has spoken throughout North America, Europe and Australia on legal and life-related issues, including debates and lectures at legal seminars on philosophy, political theory, history, constitutional jurisprudence and public policy analysis. She and her work appear extensively in national media and have received awards, including one for an article on human rights relating to embryo adoption.

John Hoeven  
Senator, North Dakota

John Hoeven, 66, 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. The 2022 election saw him comfortably

re-elected as senator, though with a less significant margin than his previous campaigns. Before being elected governor, Hoeven was a banker who undertook a number of 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, 80 and from Massachusetts, is an American attorney, politician and diplomat who is the first United States pecial Presidential Envoy for Climate. In January 2024 it was announced that Kerry would step down from the role to focus on Joe Biden's re-election campaign.

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 who had been awarded three Purple Heart medals but became an anti-war activist. He is said to have carried a rosary, a prayer book and a St Christopher medal when he campaigned. At school he considered becoming a priest and that he "was very centred around the Mass and the church". In his later years, he has adopted a pluralistic attitude towards religion, stating that he believes that the Torah, the Quran and the Bible all share a fundamental story.

Alan Keyes  
Political activist and former ambassador

Alan Keyes, 73, is an American



conservative political activist, author and former ambassador. He ran for president in 1996, 2000, and 2008, with the latter campaign stressing an opposition to abortion and to same-sex marriage. He has served on the board of advisers for the Catholic League, a non-profit Catholic advocacy group. Keyes is a traditional Catholic and a third-degree Knight of Columbus.

Leon Panetta  
Former US Secretary of Defence

Leon Panetta, 85, served as the US Secretary of Defense under President Barack Obama from 2011 to 2013. His extensive career in public service includes roles as the director of the CIA and White House chief of staff, and he played a crucial role in overseeing the operation that led to the capture of Osama bin Laden in 2011. He served as the director of the Office of Management and Budget under President Bill Clinton and as a representative from California. Currently, Panetta is the chairman of the Panetta Institute of Public Policy. He is of Italian heritage. Panetta attended two Catholic grammar schools.

Nancy Pelosi  
Former Speaker, US House of Representatives

Nancy Pelosi, 83, was the 52nd speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 2007 to 2011 and again from 2019 to 2023. She is the only woman to hold the position. On stepping down, she described herself as "a devout Catholic" and said the prayer of St Francis. Such words, however, have angered more traditional Catholics who see her liberal stance on such issues as abortion as the worst sort of

From from top: John Hoeven, John Kerry, Marco Rubio, Nancy Pelosi, Leon Panetta

liberal 'pick 'n' mix' Catholicism. She previously served as a US Representative from California since 1987.

Before her election to Congress, Pelosi chaired the California Democratic Party from 1983 to 1987. Although she 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, 69, 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 Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Pierre, South Dakota.

Jim Risch  
Junior US senator, Idaho

Jim Risch, aged 80, has been the junior US senator from Idaho since 2009. Prior to his role in the Senate, he served as the Lieutenant Governor of Idaho from 2003 to 2006 and again from 2007 to 2009. Additionally, Risch held the position of governor of Idaho from 2006 to 2007. Risch has regularly voted in accordance with Catholic values. He has been a consistent supporter of pro-life legislation, demonstrating his stance on issues related to abortion. Notably, he co-sponsored the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, advocating for

regulations that would make it illegal for a minor to cross state lines for an abortion without proper notification.

Marco Rubio  
Senior US senator, Florida

Marco Rubio, 52, 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, where he was married in 1988. His 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. In 2023, he was one of eight members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence who published a letter asking why the FBI mounted spying operations on traditionalist Catholic churchgoers.

Paul Ryan  
Former Speaker, US House of Representatives

Paul Ryan, 53, served as the speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 2015 to 2019. 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, Wisconsin. His faith has informed his political career and he has stated that he opposes abortion and same-sex marriage.

Rick Santorum  
Former US senator, Pennsylvania

Rick Santorum, 65, served as ▶



a United States senator from Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2007 and was the Senate's third-ranking Republican from 2001 to 2007. 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 and has opposed same-sex marriage. He has taken a particularly tough approach to pornography, which he has sought to ban.

### Steve Scalise US House Majority Leader

Steve Scalise, 57, has served as the House majority leader since 2023 and the US representative for Louisiana's 1st congressional district since 2008. He has also served as the House majority whip from 2014 to 2019 and the House minority whip 2019 to 2023.

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.

### Dan Sullivan Junior US senator, Alaska

Dan Sullivan, 59, 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 supported the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Sullivan received his BA in economics from Harvard

University and his JD and MSc in foreign service from Georgetown University. In 1993 he joined the US Marine Corps and is currently a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves.

### Pat Toomey Former US senator

Pat Toomey, 62, has been a Republican senator who represented Pennsylvania from 2011 to 2023. Prior to his tenure in the Senate, he served as a member of the US House of Representatives from 1999 to 2005. Alongside his political career, Toomey has been involved in the financial services industry, served as the president of the Club for Growth, and owned and operated a small restaurant chain in the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania. He comes from a Catholic family and is staunchly pro-life.

### Melania Trump Former First Lady

Melania Trump, 53, is a Slovenian-born former model who became the first Catholic to live at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue since President John F Kennedy and his wife Jackie in the early 1960s. She was the first lady of the United States between 2017 and 2021.

Following her audience with Pope Francis in the Vatican in May 2017, her spokeswoman confirmed that that the First Lady is indeed Catholic. She placed flowers at the feet of a statue of the Virgin Mary and prayed at the Bambino Gesù Hospital during her visit. She also presented Pope Francis with rosary beads for the Pontiff to bless. She was raised in a Communist-supporting family in Slovenia and was not baptised as a child. She married Donald Trump, a life-long Presbyterian, in 2005 at an Episcopal church in Palm Beach, Florida. It is not clear where she attended church during Trump's time in the White House. ■

## Media

### Sohrab Ahmari Columnist, editor and non-fiction author

Born in Tehran and based in New York, Sohrab Ahmari, 38, 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 who has been intellectually linked to the controversial integralist movement. He has argued that politics and public discourse should be a forum of "war and enmity", with culturally conservative values given priority. He is also a contributing editor at the *American Conservative* and a visiting fellow at Franciscan University. 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 and Elise Ann Allen Editor, Crux

John and Elise Allen are Vatican-based journalists. John L Allen Jr, 58, is founder and editor of the Catholic-oriented news site Crux. He also serves as a senior Vatican analyst for CNN, and has featured in coverage of the conclaves of 2005 and 2013. Recently they have both joined the *Catholic Herald* as a Special Vatican Correspondents. John L Allen Jr is the author of numerous books about the Catholic Church and has written two biographies of Pope Benedict XVI. His most recent book, *Catholics and Contempt*,

looks at the fractured Catholic media landscape and gives an urgent call for it to change course.

### Montse Alvarado President, EWTN

Montse Alvarado is the president and chief operating office of EWTN and was formerly with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. Born in Mexico City, she holds degrees from Florida International University and George Washington University.

### 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 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*. Previously, Arroyo worked at the Associated Press, the *New York Observer*, and for the political columnist team of Rowland Evans and Robert Novak. Arroyo has authored several books on EWTN's founder, Mother Angelica, as well as a series of children's books.

### Pete Bevacqua Director of athletics, University of Notre Dame

New York native Pete Bevacqua is a corporate, media and sports executive who served as chairman of NBC Sports Group. In July 2023, he become vice president and director of athletics

at the University of Notre Dame. 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. he 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, author and columnist

Arthur Brooks, 59, 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 the Dalai Lama and presidents George Bush and Barack Obama. In 2023 he co-authored a book with Oprah Winfrey, *Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier*, which debuted at number one on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

### Elizabeth Bruenig Writer, The Atlantic

Elizabeth Bruenig, 33, is a rising star of US journalism and a native of Texas. After reading theology and reading St Augustine at university, she converted to Catholicism from Methodism. She has been described as a "Catholic, socialist, family-focused thinker". She currently works as an opinion writer for the *Atlantic* and hosts a podcast, *The Bruenigs*, with her husband Matt

**From top, left to right: Athur C Brooks, Stephen Doocy, Raymond Arroyo, Sohrab Ahmari, inset: Pete Bevacqua**

Bruenig. 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 communications professional with two decades of leadership 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. Prior to Catholic Media, DeFrancesco worked for the Diocese of Arizona as director of communications.

### Stephen Doocy TV host and author

Stephen Doocy, 67, 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 Catholic who serves as a lector in his church. He and his wife published the *New York Times* bestseller *Happy in a Hurry Cookbook* in 2020. His son, Peter Doocy, is a White House correspondent, also for Fox News. ►



**Ross Douthat**  
Columnist, New York Times

Ross Douthat, 44, 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. Douthat is a convert to Catholicism who describes himself as having a “conservative tendency” when it comes to the faith. 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 is a Byzantine Catholic and the creator and host of the *Pints With Aquinas* and *Love People Use Things* podcasts 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*. Much of his work has centred around fighting pornography in contemporary society. He lives in Steubenville, Ohio, with his wife, Cameron, and their four children.

**Bryan Gruley**  
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

Bryan Gruley, 66, was educated at the University of

Notre Dame, majoring in American Studies and graduating in 1979. His career spanned 41 years in journalism, and he retired in 2020. Gruley wrote for the *Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg Businessweek* and the *Detroit News*. He was part of the *Journal's* team that won the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the September 11 terrorist attacks. He is the author of five award-winning novels, all set in his home state of Michigan. Gruley was educated in Detroit at Detroit Catholic Central.

**Trent Horn**  
Catholic media broadcaster

After his conversion to the Catholic faith, Trent Horn earned master's degrees in 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 Council of Trent*. He is married to Laura Horn, whose YouTube channel produces comedy from a Catholic viewpoint. He is the author of *Counterfeit Christs*, among other books.

**Laura Ingraham**  
Conservative television host

Laura Ingraham, 60, and a convert to Catholicism, is a US 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 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 proceeds from her website to several causes. She has three adopted children.

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

Roger Kimball, 70, is an art

critic and conservative social commentator. He is the editor and publisher of the *New Criterion* and the publisher of Encounter Books. He contributes to a variety of newspapers and journals including the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Spectator*, the *Times Literary Supplement* and the *Sunday Telegraph*. Kimball has authored many books, notably *Tenured Radicals: How Politics Has Corrupted Our Higher Education*. He serves on the board of the Manhattan Institute and is chairman of the William F Buckley Jr Program.

**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. Lopez is also the author of *A Year with the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living*. She is the chair of Cardinal Timothy Dolan's Pro-Life Commission in

New York. At the opening Mass of the Year of Faith in Rome in October 2012, Pope Benedict XVI presented Lopez with a message to women throughout the world.

**William McGurn**  
Former White House speechwriting director

William McGurn, 65, is a leading conservative political and cultural commentator with the *Wall Street Journal* and other outlets. He writes on Catholic affairs. 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 writes the “Main Street” column and is an executive. McGurn and his wife, Julie Hoffman, live in New Jersey. He has three adopted daughters.

**Diane Montagna**  
Vatican commentator

Diane Montagna is a Vatican journalist based in Rome. She contributes to the *Catholic Herald* and co-authored, with Bishop Athanasius Schneider, *Christus Vincit: Christ's Triumph Over the Darkness of the Age* as well as co-authoring 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, 87, is a journalist and seasoned Vatican analyst who is the founder and editor-in-chief of *Inside the Vatican* magazine. He interviewed the future Pope Benedict, when he was Cardinal Ratzinger, more than 25 times. 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 and Pray for Me: The Life and Spiritual Vision of Pope Francis, First Pope from the Americas*.

**Peggy Noonan**  
Journalist and former White House speechwriter

Peggy Noonan, 73, 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. In 1995, she received the Golden Plate Award of the American Academy of Achievement. Five of *Noonan's* books have been *New York Times* bestsellers. She was also nominated for an Emmy 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, 74, is a political commentator, journalist, TV host and author. He hosts the podcast *No Spin News*. He hosted *The O'Reilly Factor* on Fox News until 2017, which was the highest-rated

cable news show for 16 years. 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, attended Chaminade Catholic High School in Mineola, New York and Marist College in Poughkeepsie. He and his wife were married at St Brigid Parish in Westbury, New York.

**Rusty Reno**  
Editor, First Things

Russell Ronald Reno III, 64, is the editor of *First Things* magazine. He attended Haverford College, receiving a BA in 1983 and began graduate study at Yale University in the Department of Religious Studies in 1984, completing his doctoral degree in 1990 in the area of religious ethics. 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.

He has previously taught at Brown University, Rhode Island College, and The Catholic University of America.

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If I didn't believe Catholic teachings were true, I wouldn't be a Catholic  
Ramesh Ponnuru

**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”. A former United Methodist, he became a Catholic after hearing Scott Hahn's conversion story.

**Monica Gerard-Sharp**  
President, Monali Media

Monica Gerard Sharp is president of Monali Media, an investor, publisher and strategist. After a successful career at Time Inc/Time Warner and then Disney/CapCities/ABC. she became an independent entrepreneur, focusing on finance, marketing and applied technology. Her areas of expertise include producing, publishing, consulting and directing, and she serves on for-profit and not-for-profit boards. She lives between the US and UK.

**Maria Shriver**  
Journalist and author

Maria Shriver, 67, is a former first ▶



Inset: Peggy Noonan; from top, left to right: Matt Fradd, Laura Ingraham, Rusty Reno, Trent Horn



lady of California, a member of the Kennedy family, 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*. She is a practising Catholic who sought advice at a convent after her marriage split.

**Andrew Sullivan**  
Journalist

Andrew Sullivan, 60, is a British-American author, editor and blogger. He is a political commentator, a former editor of *The New Republic* and the author or editor of six books, including *The Conservative Soul*. His "Daily Dish" political blog appeared on platforms including *Time* and the *Daily Beast* before moving to a subscription-based format. He launched his newsletter, the "Weekly Dish", in July 2020. Sullivan attributes his conservatism to his Catholic faith.

**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 12 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*. He lives with his wife and eight children on a farm outside Orlando, Florida.

**Michael Warsaw**  
Chairman and CEO, EWTN

Michael P Warsaw is chairman and CEO of EWTN and serves as the publisher of the National Catholic Register. His association with EWTN began in 1991, and he progressively took on leadership roles, becoming the network's president in 2000 and assuming the position of CEO in 2009. Following EWTN's acquisition of the *National Catholic Register* in 2011, he took on the additional role of publisher for the magazine. In 2013, Warsaw was appointed as the chairman of EWTN. Beyond his responsibilities at EWTN, Warsaw is actively involved in various Catholic organisations. He sits on the board of directors for the Napa Institute and serves on the board of trustees for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Additionally, he is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. In recognition of his expertise and commitment, Pope Francis appointed Warsaw as a consultor to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communications in 2017.

**Cindy Wooden**  
Catholic News Service, Rome Bureau

Cindy Wooden is chief of the Rome Bureau for the Catholic News Service and a fellow of the Berkeley Center for World Affairs at Georgetown University. She has covered the Church from Catholic News Service's Rome bureau for over 30 years and, over that time, she has written about, and travelled the world with, three popes. ■

From top: Maria Shriver, Michael Warsaw, Christina Glorioso, Brandon Vogt

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them feel the  
wonder of life  
and consider its  
profound  
mysteries.

Dean Koontz

Thought leaders and authors

**Patrick Deneen**  
Professor and author

Patrick Deneen, 59, 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*, which has been translated into 14 languages. His most recent book, last year's *Regime Change*, critiques the current political status quo and makes the case for a form of community-focused conservatism that seeks the common good.

**Mary Eberstadt**  
Essayist, novelist and public speaker

Mary Eberstadt, 62, 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* as well as *The Loser Letters*, analogous to CS Lewis's *Screwtape Letters*. Central to her diverse interests are questions concerning the fate and aspirations of postmodern men and women.

**Anthony Esolen**  
Catholic scholar and author

Anthony Esolen, 64, is a writer,

social commentator and professor of humanities at Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts in New Hampshire. 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. His web magazine Word and Song, which he publishes with his wife Debra, gives weekly hymn, poem and film recommendations.

**Robert George**  
Legal scholar, political philosopher and intellectual

Robert George, 68, serves as the sixth McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. A graduate of Swarthmore College, he holds JD and MTS degrees from Harvard University and a number of doctorate degrees from Oxford University, as well as 21 honorary degrees. 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 International Religious Freedom and is also a former Judicial Fellow at the US Supreme Court, where he received the Justice Tom C Clark Award. His admirers say he is renewing a philosophy of Catholic natural law thinking that goes back to St Thomas Aquinas.

**Scott Hahn**  
Theologian

Scott Hahn, 66, is a Catholic theologian and Christian apologist. He is the author of many bestselling books, including *Rome Sweet Home*, which details his and his wife's conversion to Catholicism. Other notable works include: *The Lamb's Supper*, *Reasons to Believe and Hail, Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God*. Hahn holds the Father Michael Scanlan Chair of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he has held professorship since ▶



From top, left to right: Anthony Esolen, Robert George, Patrick Deneen, Scott Hahn



1990. A popular speaker and teacher, Hahn has delivered numerous talks 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 (re)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 Author

Dean Koontz, 78, is an American bestselling novelist whose books have sold over 500 million copies and have been published in 38 different languages, with 30 hitting the number one spot on the *New York Times* bestseller list. After being brought up in Pennsylvania by a “violent, alcoholic” father, he turned to reading as a way of escape and then to writing books. These 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 has said, “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”. A prolific writer, Koontz releases multiple books a year. One published last year, *After Death*, tells the journey of a modern-day Lazarus who is humanity’s last hope. He lives in Shady Canyon, California with his wife, Gerda.

### Larry Kudlow Conservative TV host

Larry Kudlow, 76, was the

12th director of the National Economic Council in the Trump administration, serving from from April 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 was the 2022 recipient of the William F Buckley Prize for leadership in political thought. Twenty-eight years sober, Kudlow overcame cocaine and alcohol addiction after being fired from his investment banking position on Wall Street in the 1990s. After entering a 12-step programme, he converted to Catholicism with the spiritual help of Opus Dei priest 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 Jesuit-run Fordham University board of trustees.

### Alasdair MacIntyre Philosopher

Alasdair MacIntyre, 95, 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. Beginning his career as a Marxist, MacIntyre started working to develop a Marxist ethic that could rationally justify the moral condemnation of Stalinism. This eventually led him to reject Marxism and embrace a more Aristotelian form of ethics. In

1981, during the course of writing *After Virtue*, MacIntyre converted to Christianity; two years later, he converted to Catholicism. He carries out 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, 81, is a “renewal movement leader” and author. In 2022 he addressed the UK Confraternity of Catholic Priests in York, sponsored by the *Catholic Herald*. In 2023, he addressed the tenth annual Ave Maria University Marian Eucharistic Conference and the St Paul’s Center for Biblical Theology’s Priests Conferences, as well as speaking at many other events. 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. He has published numerous books including *The Fulfillment of All Desire* (2006) and *A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward* (2022).

### Chad Pecknold Professor of Theology, Catholic University of America

Chad Pecknold has been a professor of historical and systematic theology in the School of Theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC since 2008. 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. He has appeared as a guest on radio and television shows such as NPR’s *All Things Considered*, Vatican Radio, Al Jazeera America, BBC World News, ABC News and he is a regular contributor on *EWTV News Nightly*. A self-described “Augustinian-Thomist”, Pecknold is an associate editor for the English edition of the international Thomistic journal of theology, *Nova et Vetera*, and co-edits, with Fr Thomas Joseph White, the new *Sacra Doctrina* series at Catholic University of America Press. In 2023, he spoke at the National Celebrate Life Day, alongside Lila Rosa and former US vice president Mike Pence, and is currently writing a book on Augustine’s *City of God*.

### Ramesh Ponnuru Conservative political pundit, journalist and thinker

Ramesh Ponnuru, 49, is a conservative political pundit and journalist. He is the editor of the *National Review*, a contributing columnist for the *Washington Post*, a contributing editor to *National Affairs* and a nonresident senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. He is the author of *The Party of Death: The Democrats, the Media, the Courts, and the Disregard for Human Life* (2006) and *The Mystery of Japanese Growth* (1995). In 2015, *Politico* 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 Author

California resident Tim Powers, 72, is a science fiction writer. He has twice won the World Fantasy Award, for his novels *Last Call* and *Declare*, and has twice won the Philip K Dick Memorial Award. He describes himself as a practising Catholic, and states: “Stories are more effective, and more truly represent the writer’s actual convictions, when they manifest themselves without the writer’s conscious assistance. I concern myself with my plots, but I let my subconscious worry about my themes.” The protagonist of his first novel, *Epitaph in Rust* (1976) escapes from a rural monastery into the “wilds of a future Los Angeles”. His recent novel, *My Brother’s Keeper* (2023), focuses on the relationship between Emily Brontë and her troubled brother Branwell, while exploring the family’s pseudo-Catholic theology.



### Stephen Rasche Senior fellow, Religious Freedom Institute

Stephen Rasche is a recognised international expert on persecuted Christians and has served since 2010 as counsel to the Chaldean Archdiocese of Erbil, Iraq. He 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*, covering Pope Francis’s 2020 visit to the persecuted Christians of Iraq, premiered in 2022 at New York’s Sheen Center with an address by Cardinal Dolan. A graduate of Boston College, Rasche has worked for 35 years in international business and humanitarian aid projects. He was

**From the top: Larry Kudlow, Chad Pecknold, Tim Powers, Ramesh Ponnuru, George Weigel**

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. His most recent work has focused on anti-Christian violence in Nigeria and the international response to it.

### Roy Schoeman Author

Roy H Schoeman, 73, is an author who converted from Judaism to Catholicism after an apparition of the Virgin Mary. He is famous for his writings on Catholic-Jewish relations. Schoeman’s most famous work is *Salvation Is 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 a 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 an active YouTube channel.

### Nicholas Sparks Author and philanthropist

Nicholas Sparks, 58, is an author and philanthropist known for novels such as *The Notebook*, *Dear John*, *The Wish* and most recently *Dreamland*. 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 Bern, North Carolina.

### Adrian Vermeule Legal scholar

Adrian Vermeule, 55, 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 controversial advocacy of legal theories such as common-good constitutionalism and Catholic integralism, both of which seek to create a social order based on Catholic moral and social teaching. The *Herald* has dismissed integralism in a 2023 article called “How Catholics can lose friends and alienate people”.

### George Weigel Author and commentator

George Weigel, 72, is a prolific Catholic author and commentator who is currently a distinguished senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC, and holds the think tank’s William E Simon Chair in Catholic Studies. He has considerable influence in the Church, in the US and internationally. 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 Pope St 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. He is a proponent of the New Evangelization. Most recently, Weigel has written against anti-semitism and for the protection of Jews worldwide. Weigel and his wife Joan live in north Bethesda, Maryland. They have three children. ■



# Charity, non-profit and others

## Mark Ackermann President and CEO, Catholic Herald Institute

Mark Ackermann is the president and CEO of the Catholic Herald Institute. 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.

Ackermann holds a BA from the Catholic University of America and a MS degree in non-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.

He is also the chairman of the board of the United States Association of Blind Athletes, which sponsors several teams in the Paralympics.

## 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 UN, its member states and affiliate organisations,

and the Order of Malta's extensive global outreach. His background is in education and he is the director general of the Mountbatten Institute as well as the chairman of the English Speaking Union of the United States. He is also a knight grand cross of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a knight of justice in the US Priory of the Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem, and an honorary Commander of the British Empire.

## Amanda Bowman Chair, Catholic Herald Institute

Amanda Bowman is chair of the Catholic Herald Institute and founder of the Anglosphere Society, an independent non-profit membership organisation dedicated to strengthening the "special relationship" between the United States and the United Kingdom.

Educated at Cambridge, where she took a first in English at Girton College, Bowman worked with the *Economist* in New York and later with Christie's. Her career also includes roles as the New York director of the Center for Security Policy and, subsequently, the US director of the Atlantic Bridge.

In addition to her professional pursuits, she plays a significant role in various organisations. Bowman is a member of the executive committee of the board of American Humane, a leading national animal welfare organisation. She also serves as a US advisory board member of the *Catholic Herald*, engages in philanthropic endeavours, and held a position on the board of the Sheen Center in New York City.

## 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 years. The Loyola Foundation is a charitable organisation that supports Catholic mission activities in less developed countries. She has served on the boards of FADICA and the National Catholic Educational Association, and was the president of the pastoral council of her parish in Virginia. In 2020 she co-founded the Full Spectrum Studio, which is dedicated to artists with disabilities. She is married with three children.

## Daniel J Cellucci CEO, Catholic Leadership Institute

Daniel J Cellucci is CEO of the 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 has served for the past two years 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, the Catholic Leadership Institute and Penn Medicine's Cardiovascular Institute Leadership Council. He is a retired

## Brian Burch President, CatholicVote

Brian Burch is the president and

co-founder of CatholicVote, a conservative, non-profit political advocacy group based in the US whose mission is for every Catholic in America to live out the truths of their faith in public life. 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 serving the Church.

chairman and chief executive officer of Merck & Co, a global leader in the pharmaceutical industry.

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.

## Neil and Ann Corkery Wellspring Committee

Neil and Ann Corkery are founders of the Wellspring Committee, operating from Manassas, Virginia. It is a fundraising operation for conservative political non-profit groups. An influential Catholic power couple in Washington, the Corkerys have supported Catholic appointments to the Supreme Court.

## Marjorie Dannenfelser President, Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America

Marjorie Dannenfelser, 57, 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. In September 2016, Dannenfelser became the leader of Donald Trump's "pro-life coalition" campaign.

Although she grew up as an Episcopalian, she converted to Catholicism and adopted an anti-abortion stance while attending Duke University

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

New York resident Tom Dobbin

is the director of Justice and Peace for 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. She is a trustee of the Mary J. Donnelly Foundation, and has long been active in FADICA – Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities – which seeks to educate foundation leaders on issues facing the Church.

She has served on several boards, including those of Jesuit Volunteers International, Maryknoll Lay Missioners and the Ignatian Solidarity Network. She and her husband have three daughters.

## Axel d'Epinay COO, Magnificat

Axel d'Epinay, based in New York, is chief operating officer at the Magnificat publishing firm and Aletheia USA. Under his leadership, since 2005, 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 fixture at the back of American churches. It includes daily and Sunday readings, all Feast Days and daily reflections on the Gospel. ▶



From top, left to right: Marjorie Dannenfelser, Richard T Clark, Brian Burch, Fra' John Dunlap, Paul Beresford-Hill, Alexia Kelley; inset: Amanda Bowman



**Michael Espiritu**  
Assistant professor, Weill  
Cornell Medical College

Michael Espiritu, MD, holds the position of assistant professor of clinical paediatrics at Weill Cornell Medical College and serves as an attending neonatologist at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Dr Espiritu is a knight of Magistral Grace in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, where he serves as a counsellor at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the UN. He is also a knight commander of the Holy Sepulchre and a knight of merit of the Constantinian Order of St George.

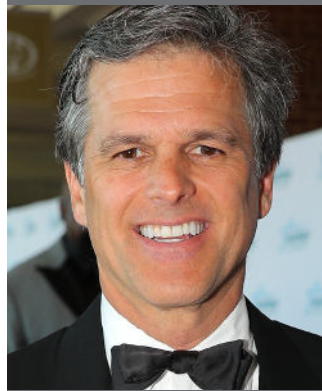
**George E Gunning**  
Executive director,  
Neumann Forum

George Gunning runs the Neumann Forum, named after the Czech saint and bishop of Philadelphia who played a significant role in establishing the Church in the United States. The non-profit is dedicated to promoting and protecting traditional faith in Philadelphia and beyond through defending the truth of Catholicism, preserving its cultural and historical heritage and through effective catechesis and education.

A graduate from Temple University, Philadelphia, Gunning has previously worked for the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia and Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He has also served as treasurer for the Catholic Bioethics Center and the Archdiocese of New York, and is currently treasurer for the Philadelphia region of the Order of Malta.

**Alexia Kelley**  
President, FADICA

As president and 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* and co-edited the book *Living the Catholic Social Tradition: Cases and Commentary*. She lives in Washington DC with her husband.

**Fra' John Dunlap**  
Grand Master, Order of Malta

Fra' John Timothy Dunlap, 66, is 81st Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Admitted to the Order of Malta in 1996, he took his solemn vows as a professed knight in 2008. For over a decade he has served the Order of Malta as chairman of the Committee for the Protection of Names and Emblems and Representative to the Alliance of the Orders of St John. In 2009, Dunlap was elected for a five-year term as a member of the Sovereign Council.

He was re-elected for another five-year term by the Chapter General in 2014 and then in 2019. He led the Order of Malta as Lieutenant of the Grand Master from June 2022, following the death of Fra' Marco Luzzago. He was elected Grand Master of the

From top: Timothy C Flanagan,  
Tim Shriver, Donna Markham,  
Elizabeth Yore

Order of Malta on 3 May 2023. He is a New York barrister by training and also co-owns an Italian restaurant in Midtown Manhattan.

**Timothy C Flanagan**  
Founder, Catholic  
Leadership Institute

Timothy C Flanagan founded the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) in 1989. Under his leadership, the CLI has reached national prominence, providing first-class leadership formation and consulting to clergy and lay leaders in over 100 dioceses in the US and around the world. In 2019, Pope Francis named him a knight of St Sylvester in recognition of his service to the Church and her people. He has also served as a lector and Eucharistic minister. He is married with five children.

**Jack Fowler**  
Senior director, American  
Philanthropic

Jack Fowler is the senior director of American Philanthropic. Before joining American Philanthropic, he 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 is also the host of the *Victor Davis Hanson Show* podcast.

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 and is on the board of directors for Covenant House, a charity which provides long-term support for young people facing homelessness and survivors of trafficking. 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. Previously, he served as deputy supreme knight from 2017 until 2021. Prior to this he served as vice president for public policy for 11 years. 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 US State Department and, in this role, was its primary contact with the Holy See and other nations on matters of religious freedom. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and three daughters.

**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 and a semi-retired ophthalmologist. 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 is devoted to international medical mission work. Since 1993, he has regularly visited Haiti where he performs free surgery at Hôpital Sacré Coeur, a Catholic hospital operated by the Center for the Rural Development of Milot.

**Sr Donna Markham**  
President, Catholic  
Charities USA

Sister Donna Markham served as president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) from 2015 to 2023. She was the first woman and tenth president to hold this position in the organisation's 113-year history. An Adrian Dominican sister with a doctorate in clinical psychology, Sister Donna served on CCUSA's board of trustees for eight years. In addition, she has served in leadership positions in behavioural healthcare both in Canada and the US and is an internationally recognised author and speaker in areas of 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 49th national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and was installed for his second term in July 2022. 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 has been

a member of the American Association of the Order of Malta since 2002 and served as the Illinois area chair from 2007 to 2013. In 2012, he was elected hospitaller of the American Association. He has participated in eight Lourdes pilgrimages and served as team captain on five of them. He became a Knight in Obedience in 2012.

In addition to his work with the Order of Malta, Reedy has served on the Catholic Charities board of advisers. He was president of the Chicago chapter of Legatus from 2005 to 2008. He is recently retired and was the managing director of Reedy Industries.

**Tim Shriver**  
Disability rights activist

Maryland resident Tim Shriver, 64, leads the Special Olympics international board of directors. He previously helped produce four films including *The Peanut Butter Falcon*, *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's connection to the Kennedy family is through his mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who was the sister of John F Kennedy. He is also a brother of Maria Shriver. Raised in a Catholic household, Shriver received his master's degree from the Catholic University of America, reflecting his deep ties to his faith and his family legacy.

**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

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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 Islamic terror groups. She has 20 years' experience as a media correspondent and public affairs professional. 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. She is also a contributor writer for Townhall, Breitbart, LifeSiteNews, the *Remnant* and a number of other outlets. ■



# Sports and entertainment

**Simone Biles**  
Olympic gymnast

Simone Biles, 26, 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 about how she lights a candle to St Sebastian, patron saint of athletes, prior to competitions. Biles is married to the NFL player Jonathan Owens.

**Matt Birk**  
Former NFL great, politician and philanthropist

Matthew Birk, 47, is a former NFL player whose career spanned 14 seasons, mostly for the Minnesota Vikings. Before his NFL career, Birk graduated from Harvard University in 1998 with a degree in economics. He was the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor of Minnesota, running alongside Scott Jensen 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, 70, the Irish-born star of James Bond films and

*Mamma Mia!*, lives 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, 28, 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 is a two-time Super Bowl champion, having won LIV and LVII. 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. He recently gave a talk alongside *First Things* editor, RR Reno.

**Jim Caviezel**  
Actor

James Caviezel Jr, 54, is a film and television actor who most significantly played Jesus Christ in *The Passion of the Christ*. Recently, he played the main character in *Sound of Freedom*, a film which follows a former US government agent who embarks

on a mission to rescue children from sex traffickers in Colombia. 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. When discussing his path to being an actor, he has stated: “God came to me in a movie theatre and told me to become an actor.”

**Christine Evert**  
Former tennis professional

Chris Evert, 68, is a retired American tennis player who held the position of world number one. During her career, she wore a crucifix while playing on the court. Evert secured 18 major singles titles, with a noteworthy seven French Open victories and a shared record of six US Open titles. Dominating women’s tennis in the 1970s and 1980s, she reached 34 major singles finals, earning recognition with the Philippe Chatrier Award and induction into the Tennis Hall of Fame. In her later years, Evert transitioned to coaching and now serves as an analyst for ESPN. Having grown up in a devout Catholic household, Evert graduated from St Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale in 1973. Since 1989, she has contributed over \$26 million to an ongoing campaign against drug abuse and child neglect in Florida. In June 2023, Evert presented that year’s French Open women’s tournament trophy to Iga Świątek at Roland-Garros in Paris.

**Brett Favre**  
Former NFL quarterback

Brett Favre, 54, 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. 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, and since then he has found success as a coach for a number of college football teams. Freeman became a Catholic in 2022 at St Pius X Church in Granger, Indiana. He has said that part of his team’s pregame strategy is “making sure we spend some time for reflection in Mass”.

**Jimmy Kimmel**  
TV host

James Kimmel, 56, is a TV host, comedian and producer. He is the host and executive producer of



From top, left to right: Jimmy Kimmel, Jim Caviezel, Christine Evert, Conan O'Brien, Brett Favre, Joe Montana, Kathleen Ledecy; inset: Simone Biles

*Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, a late-night talk show that premiered on ABC in 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. He was raised Catholic and, as a child, was an altar server. He is a practising Catholic today and has publicly defended his faith and the Church.

**Kathleen Ledecy**  
Olympic swimmer

Kathleen Ledecy, 26, is an American competitive swimmer. She was a USA Olympic team member in 2012, 2016 and 2020. She has won seven Olympic gold medals and 21 World Championship gold medals, the most in history for a female swimmer. Ledecy is a devout, 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 in Bethesda.

**Frank Mara**  
Community relations vice president, New York Giants

Frank Mara is vice president of community relations for the New York Giants. His wife Lynn is an artist. They have four children, attend Mass at St Paul’s Church in Greenwich and are active supporters of Catholic causes.

**Joe Montana**  
Former NFL quarterback

San Francisco resident Joe Montana, 67, is a former NFL 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. Montana retired in 1995, finishing his career with 31 fourth-quarter comeback victories and ten play-off appearances in his 11 full seasons as a starting quarterback in the NFL.

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 donated to several charities, including the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

**Conan O'Brien**  
TV host

Conan O’Brien, 60, 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 Major League Baseball player

Mike Piazza, 55, 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 sport. Recently, Piazza appeared on the Fox reality challenge series *Special Forces: World's Toughest Test*.

**Mariano Rivera**  
Former relief pitcher,  
New York Yankees

Mariano Rivera is a Panamanian-born retired New York Yankees relief pitcher, 13-time All Star and five-time World Series champion. He is the only man ever to be elected unanimously by the Baseball Writers Association to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

**Ted 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, 27, is a professional golfer playing on the PGA Tour who, as of January 2024, was the world number one in the World Golf Ranking. He was the winner of the 2022 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." Scheffler and his close friend and fellow golfer Sam Burns co-host an annual retreat with members of the College Golf Fellowship, a faith-based ministry.

**Martin Scorsese**  
Director

Martin Scorsese, 81, 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.

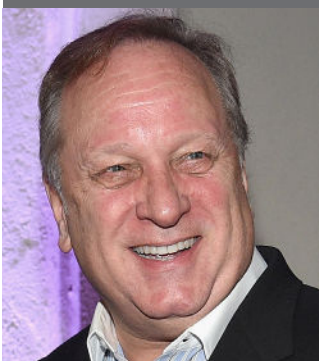
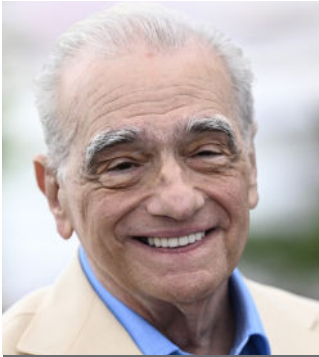
**Martin Sheen**  
Actor

Martin Sheen, 83, 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 opposes abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment. Sheen has been awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Dayton and from Loyola Marymount University, both for his commitment to Catholic values.

**Jordan Spieth**  
Golfer

Jordan Spieth, 30, is an American professional golfer on the PGA Tour and former world number one. Having won three major titles and the 2015 FedEx Cup, 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. He continues to practise his faith and attends the PGA Bible Study.

**Bruce Springsteen**  
Singer and musician

Bruce Springsteen, 74, 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 and awarded the National Medal of Arts by President Joe Biden in 2023. 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". This Catholic language was influenced by the Traditional 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-worn grace ourselves."

**Ben Steele**  
NFL coach

Benjamin Steele, 45, is a former

**From top: Martin Scorsese, Scottie Scheffler, Douglas Urbanski, Bruce Springsteen, Mark Wahlberg. Opposite: Lloyd Austin**

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, 66, 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 Social Network* and *Nil By Mouth*, his films have received 21 Oscar nominations, ten Golden Globe nominations and 33 Bafta nods. He is executive producer for Paolo Sorrentino's upcoming Naples-set film and the Apple TV+ series *Slow Horses*. He serves as a Eucharistic minister at St Victor's in West Hollywood.

**Eduardo Verástegui**  
Actor

Eduardo Verástegui, 49, is a Mexican-born actor who has appeared in *CSI Miami*, *See You in Miami* and *Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2*. In 2023, he produced the film *Sound of Freedom* which follows the story of Tim Ballard, a former US government agent who embarks on a mission to rescue children from sex traffickers in Colombia.

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.

**Anthony Volpe**  
Rookie shortstop,  
New York Yankees

Anthony Volpe, 22, is the 2023 Golden Glove-winning rookie shortstop for the New York Yankees. He attended Delbarton School in New Jersey and Vanderbilt University.

**Mark Wahlberg**  
Actor

Mark Wahlberg, 52, 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 wakes up daily at 3:30am, in part to ensure he has time for prayer. He is active at the Good Shepherd Center for homeless women and children in Los Angeles.

**Kate Ziegler**  
Former Olympic swimmer

Kate Ziegler, 35, 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 an MBA. She is a devout Catholic who, when asked of her success, said: "God is faithful and so good, and He helped me." ■

# Military

**Lloyd Austin**  
United States  
Secretary of Defense

Lloyd Austin, 70, is a retired US Army four-star general who serves as the 28th United States secretary of defense. Nominated by President Joe Biden, he is the first African American to serve in that role. Austin is a staunch defender of Israel and his recent work has strengthened the ties between India and the US. He was raised by a devout Catholic mother and still practises his faith.

**Martin Dempsey**  
General and former  
Joint Chief of Staff

Martin Dempsey, 71, 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

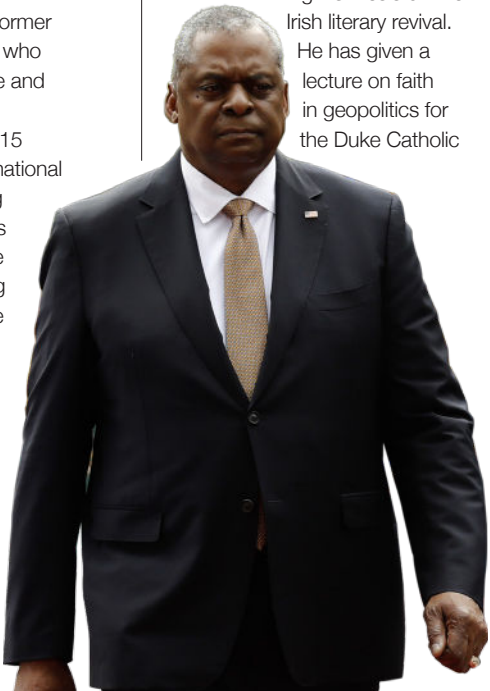
Center and was the principal speaker at Notre Dame's 171st University Commencement Ceremony in 2016.

**Joseph Dunford**  
General and former  
chairman, Joint Chiefs  
of Staff

General Joseph Francis Dunford Jr, 68, was 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 defense 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 annual Celebration of the Priesthood dinner honouring active and senior priests in Greater Boston. In a recent interview he spoke of how his Catholic faith informed his military leadership.

**Mark Milley**  
Chairman,  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Mark Milley, 65, served as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the US Armed Forces under the Trump and Biden administrations until his retirement in 2023. He 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 the special forces throughout his career, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Milley is of Irish Catholic descent and a member of the Knights of Columbus. In 2023, he and his wife were received by the Holy Father for a private audience. ■





# Education

## David Bonagura Jr Professor, St Joseph's Seminary, New York

David Bonagura Jr is a Cardinal Newman Society Fellow for Eucharistic Education and a member of its new Eucharistic Task Force. This is a new initiative designed to promote and improve Eucharistic and liturgical education in Catholic schools. He is also adjunct professor of theology at Catholic Distance University as well as adjunct professor of classical languages at St Joseph's Seminary, New York.

## Mark Bradford Executive director, Regina Academies

Mark Bradford, who resides in Pennsylvania, serves as 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. In 2023, Bradford became the Fellow for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for the Word on Fire Institute.

## Susan Braddock Board chair, America Media

Susan Braddock is board chair of America Media – a position she will hold until the end of 2024 before stepping down – and formerly board chair of the New York Cristo Rey School. Her other

board commitments have included Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and the Aspen Music Festival. A graduate of Manhattanville College, she is married to Richard Braddock. They have six children.

## Arthur Brooks Professor, Harvard

Arthur Brooks is the Parker Gilbert Montgomery Professor of the Practice of Public and Nonprofit Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School, and Professor of Management Practice at the Harvard Business School. Previously he was the 11th president of the American Enterprise Institute. He is the author of 13 books and regarded as a dynamic public speaker.

## O Carter Snead Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame

Professor Carter Snead is a super-star academic at Notre Dame where he is director of the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture and concurrent professor of political science. He is the author of the bestselling ethics book *What It Means to be Human: The Case for the Body in Public Bioethics* (Harvard University Press). The *Wall Street Journal* called it “among the most important works of moral philosophy produced so far in this century”. It is regarded as a milestone in intellectual understanding of the US abortion debate.

## Seamus Carey President, Iona University

Carey has overseen Iona leap to a ranking of 19th out of 400 colleges

rated in the *Wall Street Journal's* 2024 *Best Colleges Guide* for Best Student Experience and a very respectable 66th overall. Not bad for a college that only became a university in 2022. Founded in 1940 by the Christian Brothers, Carey has masterminded Iona's transition to university status with a new campus in Bronxville, New York.

## Tim Collins President, Walsh University

Despite retiring twice in his career, Collins is guiding Walsh through a vintage period in the university's 64th year. Collins oversees around 2,300 students, of whom around 60 participated in the March for Life rally in Washington in 2023. He is a graduate of the National War College and has been awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

## John J DeGioia President, Georgetown University

John J DeGioia, 66, 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. DeGioia 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 runs an important liberal-leaning Catholic university.

## Dr Anthony Fauci Senior executive, National Institute of Health

Dr Anthony Fauci is a decorated immunologist and senior executive at the National Institutes of Health, as well as a former medical adviser

to the president. He played a significant, often controversial, role for the US government during the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Dr Felipe Fernández-Armesto William P Reynolds Professor of History, University of Notre Dame

A leading global Catholic historian and writer for the *Catholic Herald*, Fernández-Armesto is a history professor at Notre Dame and an expert on global history, environmental history, the history of exploration and exploitation, and does graduate supervision mainly in the early modern history of colonial societies. He has received many awards, including the World History Association Book Prize. His books include, as editor, the *Oxford History of the World*. He has written about his concerns that religion is not taken seriously enough on many Catholic campuses and has a loyal following from his students.

## Mary Ann Glendon Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Mary Ann Glendon, 85, is a law professor and Catholic thought leader who famously declined to receive Notre Dame's Laetare Medal due to the university inviting Barack Obama as a key speaker. 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 unborn rights. Glendon has taught at Boston College Law School and Harvard Law School. From 2008 to

2009, she was the 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 is on the board of directors for *First Things*. In 2018, she was 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

Dr Peter K Kilpatrick became the 16th president of the Catholic University of America in July 2022. 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 its dean of engineering. Since 2018, he has been the provost and vice president for academic affairs for the Illinois Institute of Technology, an institution dedicated to uplifting 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, 86, is a professor of philosophy at Boston College and the King's College. He converted to Catholicism during his college years after he “discovered in the early Church such Catholic elements as the centrality of the Eucharist, the real presence, prayers to saints, devotion to Mary, an insistence on visible unity, and apostolic succession”. He is the author of over 80 books on Christian philosophy, theology and apologetics. He also formulated,

From top: Dr Anthony Fauci, John T McGreevy, Patrick Reilly, Mary Ann Glendon, John J DeGioia



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 J Mahoney is professor emeritus at Assumption University, senior fellow at the Real Clear Foundation, and senior writer at Law and Liberty. He has written widely on politics and political thought, statesmanship, and religion and public life. In 1999, Mahoney was the recipient of the Prix Raymond Aron. 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.

## Thayne McCulloch President, Gonzaga University

Thayne McCulloch describes himself as “raised in the church and educated in the Church”. He is head of one of the older Jesuit universities, founded in 1887. At Gonzaga, McCulloch has ensured that Jesuit social values are maintained and describes himself as having been “deeply impacted” by the teaching of St Ignatius Loyal.

## John T McGreevy Provost, University of Notre Dame

John McGreevy, 60, has been the Charles and Jill Fischer Provost of the University of Notre Dame 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*, among other books on Catholicism.

## Stephen Minnis President, Benedictine College

As president, Stephen Minnis has seen Benedictine College, in Atchinson, Kansas, become a premier sponsor of the National Eucharistic Revival. He is a former pupil at the college and a former assistant district attorney.

## David Quigley Provost and dean, Boston College

Dr David Quigley, an inspirational figure to a generation of BC students, has been provost and dean of faculties since 2014. He is an expert on 19th-century American history, New York urban history and the Civil War, and was awarded BC's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2007. His achievements include scouting and recruiting new faculty members and promoting “environmental studies and Islamic civilisation”.

## Patrick Reilly President and founder, the Cardinal Newman Society

Patrick Reilly is a highly influential figure in US Catholic education as the founder of the Newman Guide to Catholic education. He has appeared on EWTN, Fox News and MSNBC talking about the crisis in US education. Before founding the Newman Society, Reilly served as editor and research fellow at CapitalResearch Center, executive director of Citizens for Educational Freedom, higher education analyst at the US House of Representatives, media consultant for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, and chairman of American Collegians for Life. ▶



### 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. In 2023, he denounced the Worcester Diocese's policy that school staff and students in the diocese are prohibited from using pronouns, clothing or gender-segregated facilities that do not align with their birth sex assigned at birth.

### Nick Ripatrazzone

**Teacher and author**

Nick Ripatrazzone is an author, editor, critic and a US columnist for the *Catholic Herald*. He also teaches English at Lenape Valley Regional High School in Stanhope, New Jersey. His voice is increasingly influential in Catholic culture and education today, as he is also the culture editor for *Image Journal*, a contributing editor at *The Millions*, and a columnist for *Literary Hub*. He has written for *Rolling Stone*, *GQ*, the *Atlantic*, the *Paris Review* and *Esquire*. He is also the author of *Longing for an Absent God* and *Wild Belief*.

### Terrence Sawyer

**President, Loyola University Maryland**

Terrence M Sawyer assumed the role of the 25th president of

**From top: Vincent Rougeau,  
Nick Ripatrazzone, Tania Tetlow;  
inset: Jonathan J Sanford**



Loyola University Maryland in January 2022. Before his tenure at Loyola, Sawyer worked as an attorney for the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development. He also practiced civil and criminal law in Baltimore City, holding membership in the Maryland State Bar. Sawyer and his wife are parishioners at the Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Maryland.

### Dr Randall Smith

**Professor of Theology,  
University of St Thomas,  
Houston**

Randall Smith is Professor of Theology at the University of St Thomas in Houston. He is also a Cardinal Newman Society Fellow for Eucharistic Liturgy and a member of its Eucharistic Education Task Force, which is expanding substantially in 2023-2024 as part of the the US bishops' Eucharistic Revival effort.

### Jonathan J Sanford

**President,  
University of Dallas**

As president of one of the leading Catholic universities which can still call itself properly Catholic, Sanford says that his work as president has "brought the many other facets of his career into focus". He sees his role as "promoting the good work of others" as part of his job. The *Newman Guide* is an admirer and describes the University of Dallas as having a "national reputation for fidelity to Catholicism and strong academics".

### Julie Sullivan

**President,  
Santa Clara University**

Julie Sullivan is the 30th president of Santa Clara University.

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.

### Dr Michael Taylor

**Dean of students, Thomas More College of Liberal Arts**

Dr Michael Taylor oversees a tiny number of students compared to bigger legacy Catholic colleges, but is getting attention for making Thomas More College – located in a leafy part of New Hampshire with a spacious colonial farmhouse as HQ – a Catholic oasis of intellectual fidelity at a time of rising secularism on campus. He is proud of making the institution a "Catholic island" liberal arts college that stands up for Catholic values against the "passing fancies of the age".

### Dr Bill Thierfelder

**President,  
Belmont Abbey College**

A charismatic leader and teacher, Bill Thierfelder is a former Olympic trials athlete and a knight of Malta. In 2023, Belmont Abbey's faculty was ranked first in undergraduate teaching in the south by *US News & World Report*. ■