



CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

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CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY WILL HONOR CARL ANDERSON AND ARCHBISHOP LORI WITH THE FOUNDERS AWARD NOVEMBER 5, 2016

CHARLES TOWN, WV - Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight, and Archbishop William E. Lori, S.T.D., Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, will be honored with the 2016 Founders Award by Catholic Distance University (CDU).

The award will be presented by the university at its annual Gala on Saturday, November 5, in Arlington, Virginia. The announcement was made by Marianne Evans Mount, PhD, president of the university.

"Carl Anderson and Archbishop Lori are exceptional Church leaders, and Catholic Distance University is honored to recognize them with the Founders Award," said Dr. Mount.

"The organization they represent -- the Knights of Columbus -- promotes spiritual renewal among Catholics by strengthening them in holiness and unity, according to Pope Benedict," added the CDU president. "The Knights are in the vanguard in supporting the evangelization of family life through the mission of the domestic Church."

As Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Carl Anderson is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, which has more than 1.9 million members. Mr. Anderson was elected Supreme Knight in 2000 and earlier served as supreme secretary and state deputy of the District of Columbia.

Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus since 2005, Archbishop William Lori, S.T.D., has the responsibility of overseeing the spiritual welfare of members and their families. Archbishop Lori has served as the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore since 2012. Previously he served as the fourth Bishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut, from 2001 until 2012. Prior to taking that post, Archbishop Lori was an auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington.

In addition to the Founders Award, CDU also will present the Bishop Thomas J. Welsh Award to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Alexandria, Virginia in the Diocese of Arlington. Father John Kelly is the pastor.



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NOVEMBER 5, 2016 GALA

The CDU Gala will be held at the Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel, 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, beginning with a 5 p.m. Academic Convocation Mass to honor CDU's 2016 graduates, followed by a 6:30 p.m. cocktail reception and a 7:30 p.m. dinner and awards ceremony. The program will be hosted by The Most Honorable Paul S. Loverde, Chairman of the Board of CDU. For more information, visit www.cdu.edu/give-to-cdu/gala or call 703.927.2473 or email gala@cdu.edu.

About the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus was officially chartered as a fraternal benefit society in 1882. It was founded by Father Michael J McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, and some of his parishioners. The order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. It has grown from several members in one council to more than 15,100 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States and the world. The Knights set an all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours worth \$175,079,192 in donations and more than 73.4 million hours of service. Mr. Anderson said these benchmarks are a clear indication that the Knights are keeping faith with Father McGivney's focus on charity and unity, not only among members, but with those in need.

About Catholic Distance University

A pioneer in distance learning, CDU is the only Catholic university that operates totally online. It was founded in 1983 as the first catechetical institute in the United States to award the Catechetical Diploma and teach the Catholic faith to adults using distance education. In its early days, CDU operated as a correspondence school. More than 20 years ago it became part of the web. Today CDU students are located in all 50 states and 68 countries. Using distance education, CDU offers accredited degrees in Theology and the Liberal Arts, including graduate degrees and certificates. The OSV-CDU MA and OSV-CDU Certificate Program in Theology for Catholic Educators were introduced last year. The university also provides continuing education courses and certificates online and continues its active outreach to the incarcerated Church through correspondence courses. Bishop Paul S. Loverde is Chairman of CDU's Board of Trustees, and Marianne Evans Mount, PhD, serves as President.

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