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*Gala*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021**  
**SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE**

# Evening Program

## WELCOME REMARKS

### Master of Ceremonies

Helen Alvaré, J.D.

*Professor of Law, Antonin Scalia Law School  
George Mason University*

## INVOCATION

The Most Reverend Michael

F. Burbidge, D.D., Ph.D.

*Bishop of Arlington*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Marianne Evans Mount

*President, Catholic Distance University*

## PAPAL HONOR

### *Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*

Sr. Mary Margaret Ann Schlather, S.N.D.

Sr. Mary Brendon Zajac, S.N.D.

Dr. Charles R. Wasaff

### Presented by

The Most Reverend

Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.

*Archbishop for the Military Services, USA  
Chancellor and Vice-Chairman of the Board  
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*Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Founder of Word on Fire*

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The Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan, D.D.

*Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston*

# Menu

## FIRST COURSE

Apple & Manchego Salad

*organic greens / sweet peppered pecans /  
champagne vinaigrette*

Herb Scones

*thyme / sage / salted butter*

## ENTRÉE

Beef "Broccolo" Stuffed Tenderloin

*spinach / pecorino*

Caramelized Parsnip Purée

Herb Roasted Heirloom Carrots

## DESSERT

Chocolate Truffle Cake

*whipped cream / red berry coulis / raspberries*



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David Bell <i>Colorado Springs, Colorado</i>	Peter Brissette <i>Cranston, Rhode Island</i>	Joseph Lucas <i>Hines, Oregon</i>	Rev. Peter Penton <i>Floral Park, New York</i>	Christina Steele <i>Zionville, Indiana</i>
Thomas Bender <i>Arlington, Virginia</i>	Rev. Christopher Bragg Etheridge, IVE <i>Chillum, Maryland</i>	Todd Messler <i>St. Peter's, Missouri</i>	Joseph Reffner <i>Lacy, Washington</i>	Adam Walk <i>Paddington, Australia</i>

### MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY AND EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Timothy Callahan <i>San Antonio, Texas</i>	Ute Eble <i>Indianapolis, Indiana</i>	Lan Nguyen <i>Ashburn, Virginia</i>	Cindy Stalcup <i>Ashburn, Virginia</i>
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### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

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Emily Evans Addison <i>Township, Michigan</i>	Regina Glenzinski <i>Colorado Springs, Colorado</i>
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Matthew Meyer <i>New Haven, Kentucky</i>	

### UNDERGRADUATE CATECHETICAL COORDINATOR CERTIFICATE

Melissa Palmaccio <i>Howard Beach, New York</i>	Louis Perillo <i>Brooklyn, New York</i>
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### GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

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Edward Becker <i>Springfield, Virginia</i>	Duane Heit <i>Cresco, Iowa</i>
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#### *Graduate Certificate in Church History*

Christopher Eng Chiat Chua <i>Singapore</i>
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#### *Graduate Certificate for Catholic Educators*

Christina Cornwall <i>Cambria Heights, New York</i>	Vincent Estevez <i>Brooklyn, New York</i>
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Olivia Maria Rapavi  
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### GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

#### *Graduate Certificate for Catholic Educators*

Maritza Mejia  
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*Fairfax, Virginia*

# *Master of Ceremonies*

HELEN ALVARÉ, J.D.

*Professor of Law*



**HELEN ALVARÉ** is a Professor of Law at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, where she teaches Family Law, Law and Religion, and Property Law. She is faculty advisor to the law school's Civil Rights Law Journal, and the Latino/a Law Student Association, a consultant for the Pontifical Council of the Laity (Vatican City), an advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (Washington, D.C.), founder of WomenSpeakforThemselves.com, and an ABC news consultant. She cooperates with the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations as a speaker and a delegate to various United Nations conferences concerning women and the family.

# *Invocation*

THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE, D.D., PH.D.

*Bishop of Arlington*



**BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE** was announced by Pope Francis as the fourth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington on October 2, 2016. He studied Philosophy and Theology at St. Charles Borromeo and holds an M.A. in Education Administration from Villanova University, and a doctorate in Education from Immaculata College. Fr. Burbidge was named administrative secretary to the Archbishop of Philadelphia in 1992, and in 1998 he was made Honorary Prelate to His Holiness Pope John Paul II, with the title of Monsignor. Monsignor Burbidge was appointed Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1999. In 2002 he was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia. In 2006 Pope Benedict XVI named Bishop Burbidge the fifth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh. He was installed as the fourth Bishop of the Arlington Diocese on December 6, 2016 at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

## *President's Report*

**DR. MARIANNE EVANS MOUNT**

*President, Catholic Distance University*



**DR. MARIANNE EVANS MOUNT** became president of Catholic Distance University in 2008. She has served in a variety of leadership positions since the founding of CDU in 1983 as a catechetical institute offering paper-based correspondence courses. As CDU grew to become the international university it is today, with students from all 50 states and 60 countries, Marianne helped sow the seeds of that growth by serving as education director from 1983 to 1985 and as executive director from 1985 to 1996. Prior to being appointed president of CDU, Marianne was executive vice president from 1997 to 2008. In addition to raising her two children, Marianne spent her early career teaching English to high school and junior high school students and directing a high school religious education program at her parish.



# *Presentation of Papal Honors and Founders Award*

THE MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO, J.C.D.

*Archbishop for the Military Services, USA*

*Chancellor and Vice-Chairman of the Board, Catholic Distance University*



**ARCHBISHOP BROGLIO** was ordained to the priesthood ( for the Diocese of Cleveland) on 19 May 1977 in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception of the North American College, Rome. From 1990 to 2001 Archbishop served as Chief of Cabinet to Angelo Cardinal Sadona, Secretary of State to St. Pope John Paul II. In February 2001 the Archbishop was named Apostolic Nuncio to the Dominican Republic and

Apostolic Delegate to Puerto Rico. The Archbishop was ordained as an Archbishop by His Holiness St. John Paul II on 19 March 2001. On 19 November 2007 Archbishop Broglio was named the fourth Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, and installed 25 January 2008, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. He is a Trustee and the Chancellor of Catholic Distance University, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and is Chairman of the Communications Committee for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. As a member of the US Catholic Conference of Bishops, Archbishop currently serves as Secretary of the Conference and a member of the Administrative Committee. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services from 2009 to 2011, and again from 2018 to the present.

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### DR. CHARLES R. WASAFF

**DR. CHARLES R. WASAFF**, the first lay chairman of the Board, played a unique role in forging CDU's future. With over 45 years of executive experience in aerospace, communications, defense, and the professional services industries, his leadership has helped CDU to more fully accomplish its mission. He launched the Strategic Bridge Initiative to give CDU the financial resources to meet the standards of ATS and HLC and wrote the business plan and worked with staff to document the financial benchmarks to meet the accreditation standards. He seeded the next generation of board membership and leadership and tapped Steve Pryor for board chair to ensure that CDU was in strong hands when he retired. Charlie continues to contribute by editing our financial standard and updating our business plan. Charlie's focus on serving the underserved, in particular, those in mission dioceses who lack access to faithful theological education and Catholic institutions of higher education, has prepared leaders in under-resourced dioceses for ecclesial service. Under his leadership, the incarcerated were first served with free courses on tablets that provide them with hope and a new path. Charlie's work has touched the lives of many, and his vision has expanded CDU's future and enhanced the university's service to the Church.

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SR. MARY MARGARET ANN  
SCHLATHER, S.N.D.



SR. MARY MARGARET ANN SCHLATHER, a Sister of Notre Dame from the Chardon, Ohio, province, served as the Dean of Catechetical Programs for CDU for nearly 20 years until her retirement in June. She coordinated partnerships with many dioceses in the U.S. and served as accreditation liaison with three accreditors for CDU. Earlier in her career, she served as an elementary school teacher and principal, a director of religious education, and authored a Catechetics course for CDU. Despite her many responsibilities, looming deadlines, and the growing staff, Sister made it her mission to bake each staff member a birthday cake of his or her choice and celebrate with a party each year. Sister's kindness, diligence, and delicious confections will always be warmly remembered.



## RECIPIENT OF PAPAL HONOR

*Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*



**SR. MARY BRENDON ZAJAC, S.N.D.**

**SR. MARY BRENDON ZAJAC**, a Sister of Notre Dame from the Chardon, Ohio, province, holds a D.Min. from Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, Cleveland, Ohio, and has worked for the seminary since 2011 as assistant academic dean, registrar, professor of Pastoral Theology, and director of educational technology. She served on CDU's Board of Trustees for nine years and has graciously contributed her brilliance, time, and talents to CDU in many capacities over the years, from teaching, educating and mentoring incarcerated students, to helping to shepherd CDU through the accreditation process.

# Founders Award Recipient



**THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT BARRON, D.D., S.T.D., V.G.**

**BISHOP ROBERT BARRON** is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is also the host of *CATHOLICISM*, a groundbreaking, award-winning documentary about the Catholic Faith, which aired on PBS.

Bishop Barron is a #1 Amazon bestselling author and has published numerous books, essays, and articles on theology and the spiritual life. He is a religion correspondent for NBC and has also appeared on FOX News, CNN, and EWTN.

Bishop Barron was ordained a priest in 1986 in the Archdiocese of Chicago. On July 21, 2015, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Barron to be Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He was ordained bishop on September 8, 2015.

## *Chairman's Remarks*

**STEPHEN D. PRYOR**

*Chairman of the Board of Trustees*



**STEPHEN D. PRYOR**, chairman of the Board of Trustees, retired as President of ExxonMobil Chemical Company in 2015 after more than 43 years of ExxonMobil service. Before his appointment in 2008 as President of ExxonMobil Chemical Company, he was President of ExxonMobil Refining and Supply Company and President of ExxonMobil Lubricants and Specialties Company. He also served as Vice President of Exxon Mobil Corporation from 2004 until his retirement. Before the merger of Exxon and Mobil in 1999, Mr. Pryor was Executive Vice President of Mobil International Marketing and Refining and President of Mobil Asia Pacific. He joined Mobil Corporation in 1971 in the U.S. Marketing Division and went on to lead marketing / refining and chemical business units in Cyprus, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States. He also serves as a Director of the Immokalee Foundation, a Director of the Foundation for Government Accountability, and is a Trustee Emeritus of Lafayette College. He formerly served as Chairman of the Board of both the Immokalee Foundation and Lafayette College.

## *CST Launch*

**ALAN F. HOLMER**

*Chair of the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees*



**ALAN F. HOLMER** is Co-Founder and Chairman of Corbus Pharmaceuticals. From 1996 to 2005 he was President and CEO of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), which represents the worldwide interests of leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. He has significant expertise in handling legal, international trade, and governmental issues, having held various positions within the office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the Commerce and State Departments, and the White House, including serving as Deputy U.S. Trade Representative with the rank of Ambassador. Mr. Holmer was Special Envoy for China and the Strategic Economic Dialogue, appointed by Secretary of the Treasury, Henry M. Paulson, Jr. He was also a partner at the international law firm, Sidley & Austin (now Sidley Austin LLP). Mr. Holmer is a former Chairman of the Board of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and served as Co-Chairman of the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, Catholic Charities, and Food for the Hungry.



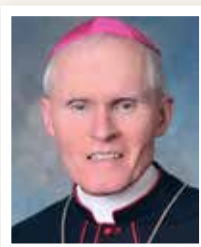
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THE HONORABLE SUSAN MALONE  
*Gala Chair*



**SUSAN MALONE** was appointed to the President's Commission for Aviation Security and Terrorism investigating the downing of PanAm Flight 103 by Pres. H.W. Bush. She was appointed to the Secretary of Defense Board on the Investigative Capabilities of the DoD; Susan was a senior investigative diplomat appointed UN member of the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

*Benediction*

THE MOST REVEREND MARK E. BRENNAN, D.D.  
*Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston*



**BISHOP BRENNAN**, a Boston native, is the son of the late Edward Charles Brennan and Regina Claire Lonsway. He attended public schools in Massachusetts and Maryland before entering St. Anthony High School in Washington, D.C. Bishop Brennan graduated from Brown University in 1969 with a degree in history, and then entered Christ the King Seminary in Alleghany, New York, for a year of philosophy before attending the Pontifical North American College in Rome for his theological studies. A parish priest for nearly his entire career, Bishop Brennan also attended Spanish Language courses and Hispanic cultural studies in the Dominican Republic and in Colombia from 1985-86. From 1988 to 1998, Bishop Brennan was the Director of Priestly Vocations in the Archdiocese of Washington. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore on Dec. 5, 2016, and ordained on Jan. 19, 2017.



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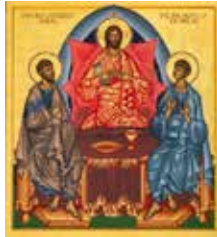


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*Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston,*

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