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## THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS EVENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

SOLEMN MASS AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS AT 6:00 P.M.  
FOLLOWED BY THE BANQUET AT ARNO'S RESTAURANT ON 38<sup>TH</sup> STREET

\$250 PER PLATE OR \$2000 FOR A TABLE OF TEN

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**T**he Catholic Education Foundation has announced its awards event for Tuesday, September 26, 2017, in Manhattan. The evening will begin with a Solemn Mass at the Church of the Holy Innocents on 37<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway at 6:00 p.m., followed by the banquet at Arno's Restaurant on 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

Those being honored this year are:

- **Rev. Msgr. Sabato Pilato** of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, who for nearly two decades served as a high school principal and then as superintendent of secondary schools for the Archdiocese;
- **Atonement Academy** in San Antonio, the first Catholic school of what is now the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter (the jurisdiction for former Anglicans/Episcopalians);
- **Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools** in Michigan, which has experienced such growth that a major capital campaign is underway to expand facilities;
- the **Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia** in Nashville, whose sole apostolate continues to be the staffing of Catholic schools;
- **Dr. William Thierfelder**, president of Belmont Abbey College in Charlotte, North Carolina, for providing an appropriate environment in higher education for graduates of Catholic elementary and secondary levels.

The dinner speaker is **Judge Andrew Napolitano**, who is a distinguished jurist and professor of law, perhaps best known for his commentary on Fox News and also for his strong promotion of natural law theory. He will speak on the importance of Catholic schools for the Church and society-at-large in a secular culture.

The Foundation's executive director, Father Peter Stravinskis, notes that "this is a wonderful opportunity to honor the all-too-often unsung heroes of Catholic education today, as well as a moment to support efforts to make Catholic education both authentic and affordable."

Tickets for the dinner are \$250 per plate or \$2000 for a table of ten. Checks should be made payable to: Catholic Education Foundation. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Foundation's scholarship fund for Catholic high school students and to provide financial assistance to high schools desirous of participating in the Foundation's Catholic identity assessment. Further information on the Foundation can be found at: [catholiceducationfoundation.com](http://catholiceducationfoundation.com).

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