



World Communications Day 2016

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
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John Cardinal Foley Award in Communications
to
PAT CIARROCCHI



In celebration of the 50th World Day of Communications, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary presents the inaugural John Cardinal Foley Award in Communications to Pat Ciarrocchi.

To be presented at the Seminary during a symposium on May 26, 2016, the award is bestowed upon a communications professional whose work exemplifies the positive potential of mass media to inform, instruct, and inspire others in the quest to build a more just world. The award is named for Cardinal John Patrick Foley, a Philadelphia native who from 1984 to 2007 served as the President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican.

Ciarrocchi recently retired from CBS 3 after more than thirty years in radio and television broadcasting. In Philadelphia, she served as the station's medical reporter, co-host of the Evening Magazine, early morning news anchor, and co-host of Talk Philly, the Emmy Award-winning news and lifestyle program.

Ciarrocchi put her personal charm and professional talents to use in reporting live at the canonization of Philadelphia native St. Katherine Drexel in 2000, at the funeral of Pope Saint John Paul II in 2005, at the historic resignation of Pope Benedict XVI in 2013, and most recently for the World Meeting of Families and visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia last September.

In recognition of her work, Ciarrocchi earned multiple Philadelphia Emmy Awards and was the first female news anchor to be inducted into the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Along with Cardinal Foley she shares the honor of having been selected to the Philadelphia Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame and of having received the prestigious Gabriel Award from the National Catholic Association of Broadcasters

Ciarrocchi has used her journalistic fame to impact the lives of others, particularly women and children. She has gone beyond the stories to commit herself personally to the community in which she lives and works. She has been actively engaged in the Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for Breast Cancer, and the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Pediatric Cancer. She also founded two fund-raising events – a golf tournament and a fashion show – that continue to benefit local charities.

For her professional and community accomplishments, Ciarrocchi has been awarded three honorary doctoral degrees from Neumann College, Cabrini College, and her alma mater, Rosemont College.

The John Cardinal Foley Symposium is an annual event celebrating World Communications Day, the only worldwide celebration called for by the Second Vatican Council. Events in the symposium include a panel discussion on the papal Message for World Communications Day and a luncheon at which awards are presented to a professional and to a young adult for their work in the realm of social communications. For more information, go to www.scs.edu/cardinal-foley-awards.

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