

Saint Charles  Borromeo Seminary

Dear Friends of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary,

I am very pleased to invite you to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary's Annual John Cardinal Foley Symposium this Thursday, May 23 in Vianney Auditorium at the seminary, starting at 7 p.m. with a town hall discussion followed by the Cardinal Foley Award by renowned Wall Street Journal columnist Mr. Bill McGurn.

The annual symposium highlights the Catholic Church's mission to embrace social communications in support of the Gospel. Now in its 53rd year, World Communications Day was established through the Second Vatican Council document *Inter Mirifica*, "Decree on the Media of Social Communication."

The symposium features a public discussion of Pope Francis's "Message for World Communications Day." The 2019 message considers the need to transform social networks online into real human communities.

Following the discussion, Bill McGurn will receive the Cardinal Foley Award for Excellence in Communications, which is presented annually to a professional journalist "whose work exemplifies the positive potential of mass media to inform, instruct, and inspire others in the quest to build a more just world." Mr. McGurn, a former presidential speech writer for President George W. Bush, writes the weekly "Main Street" column for The Wall Street Journal, where he also serves on the newspaper's editorial board. The author of "Perfidious Albion" and "Terrorist or Freedom Fighter," he spent more than a decade working overseas, with assignments in Brussels and Hong Kong.

A dessert reception for all in attendance will round out the evening at 8:30 p.m. All events in the symposium are free and open to the public.

For more information about the Cardinal Foley Symposium, visit the symposium's [webpage](#). We hope to see you all there!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Thomas Dailey, O.S.F.S.

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