



The John Cardinal Foley SYMPOSIUM

@ St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

COMMENDATION FROM CARDINAL FOLEY

BISHOP SENIOR:

Through this Symposium, the observance of World Communications Day, and the award for excellence presented to a beloved news broadcaster, we have sought to foster an encounter between Catholicism and journalism ... as did Cardinal Foley in his life and work.

To conclude this celebration, I invite Matt Gambino, the Director and General Manager of CatholicPhilly.com, to offer a commendation in remembrance of Cardinal Foley.

MATT GAMBINO:

Cardinal Foley was [honored by the Broadcast Pioneers](#) as "Person of the Year" on Friday evening, November 18, 2011. At that time, he was also inducted into their Hall of Fame.

In the conclusion to his videotaped remarks, the Cardinal offered a brief but heartfelt message to those of us who work in the field. As successor to the Cardinal in this work in Philadelphia, I think they are appropriate words on this occasion, and so I would like to share them with all of my colleagues here today and especially to you, Jim, with my congratulations on receiving the Award for Excellence in Communications named for Cardinal Foley:

"God has been very good to me in communications. I'm very proud to come from Philadelphia. I'm very proud to have started my communications life in Philadelphia. But while my work has been almost exclusively religious, I think you should also consider your work not necessarily religious, but as sacred.

"You all have a special bond with the people to whom you communicate. You owe them respect. You should treat them with dignity. You should challenge them to goodness. You have a great opportunity to influence the lives of others. They look up to you. They look to you for information, for formation, for inspiration. Please never fail to give them these types of encouragement ... this sacred bond which should exist between you and your listeners and your viewers.

"May you continue to bring people to truth and to love, in a society which needs both."

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