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## RICHARD AND ANGELA CLARK TO RECEIVE SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO AWARD AT GALA AWARD DINNER

Award Ceremony Will Be Held at The Crystal Tea Room on Thursday, March 2, 2023

Philadelphia, March XX, 2022 --Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary today announced that Richard and Angela Clark will be the recipients of the Saint Charles Borromeo Award, given by the Board of Trustees of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. The award will be presented on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the Gala Award Dinner which will be held in the Crystal Tea Room at the Wanamaker Building. The Award will be presented by Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

"The seminary is proud to honor Richard and Angela Clark for their efforts in the local community, the Catholic community and beyond, setting an example of servant leadership for others to follow," said Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Chancellor Bishop Timothy C. Senior. "Like Saint Charles Borromeo, who lived a life of service and humility, the Clarks share their many talents and unwavering generosity for the betterment of our local and global community."

"It is a great privilege to be honored with the Saint Charles Borromeo Award," said Mr. and Mrs. Clark. "Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is an exemplary seminary working to educate and to form Philadelphia's future priests, deacons, religious and laity. We are grateful to be recognized for our efforts by this extraordinary institution. Forming the future leaders of our Church is critical and we are humbled to accept this prestigious award."

Mr. Clark is the former chairman and chief executive officer of Merck, Inc. In a career spanning 39 years with Merck, Mr. Clark held a broad range of senior management positions within the company's manufacturing organization. From 2008 to 2009 he served as board chairman of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, which represents the country's leading

pharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies. Mr. Clark is the chairman of Project Hope, an international healthcare organization that works in developing countries to eradicate infectious diseases, train health professionals and educate parents and their children on how to prevent and treat diseases. He is chairman of the Washington and Jefferson College Board of Trustees. Mr. Clark is a founding member and chairman of The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGP). CFGP is an independent, nonprofit community foundation committed to growing philanthropy according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

As Philadelphia philanthropists, Mr. and Mrs. Clark also support the Catholic Leadership Institute, where Mr. Clark has served as a member of the Catholic Leadership Institute's Board of Trustees since May 2020. The Clarks are longstanding benefactors of Doylestown Health, an independent nonprofit healthcare system, where they have served as chairs of the organization's One Vision Campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark are also active parishioners at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Doylestown. "Richard and Angela continue to inspire all those they encounter within Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Their witness to family life and their example in leadership have shown clear evidence of the high priority they place on living their Catholic faith. They take their roles seriously as true missionary disciples of Christ by a generous sharing of their time, talent and treasure, not only to the parish and Archdiocese but also to numerous civic and charitable organizations," said Monsignor Joseph Gentili, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

## **About Saint Charles Seminary**

Founded in 1832, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary has been forming men for priestly service in the Catholic Church for 190 years. In August 2021, the seminary expected an overall enrollment of 149 seminarians. Saint Charles' seminarian population is becoming increasingly diverse with approximately 38% of its students now coming from Asian, Latino, or African countries. Of the 27 new seminarians, 12 are seminarians studying for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and there are 66 new or returning seminarians for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia studying at St. Charles. With the generosity of many, these young seminarians are able to successfully transform into the compassionate and loyal priests and inspiring leaders of tomorrow's Church. For more information on Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, please call 610-667-3394 or visit www.scs.edu.

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