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celebrating

World Communications Day

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“I DREAM OF A COMMUNICATION THAT DOES
NOT PEDDLE ILLUSIONS OR FEARS, BUT IS
ABLE TO GIVE REASONS FOR HOPE”

Message for the 59th World Day of Social Communications
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Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others and speak about others. In this sense, the way we communicate is of fundamental importance: we must say “no” to the war of words and images, we must reject the paradigm of war.

We do not need loud, forceful communication, but rather communication that is capable of listening and of gathering the voices of the weak who have no voice. Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world.

PAPAL AUDIENCE WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES



Town Hall on the Message of Pope Francis 2025

"Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts"

on sharing hope
here at home



JOE HOLDEN

Chief Investigative Reporter
CBS News Philadelphia

on sharing hope
in a war-torn world



GINA CHRISTIAN

National Reporter
Our Sunday Visitor

on sharing hope
for the Church



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*to a communications professional whose work exemplifies
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2016 - PAT CIARROCCI... CBS-3 Philadelphia

2017 - MARK ABRAMS... KYW News Radio

2018 - TIM RUSSERT *in memoriam* ... NBC News

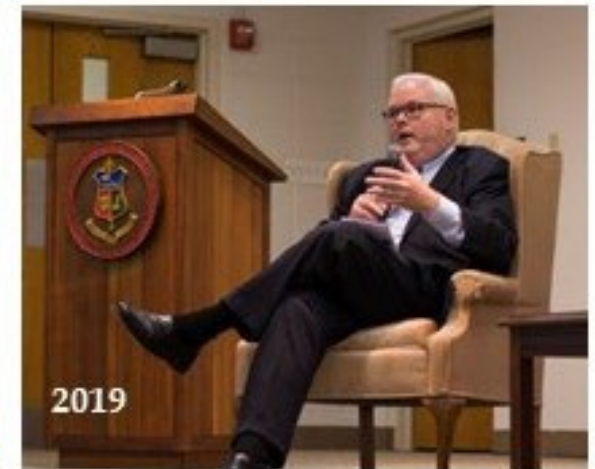
2019 - BILL MCGURN ... Wall Street Journal

2020 - RAY DIDINGER... NFL Hall of Fame Sportswriter

2021 - JOHN QUIÑONES... ABC News

2022 - JIM GARDNER... 6ABC Action News

2023 - CINDY WOODEN... Catholic News Service (Rome)



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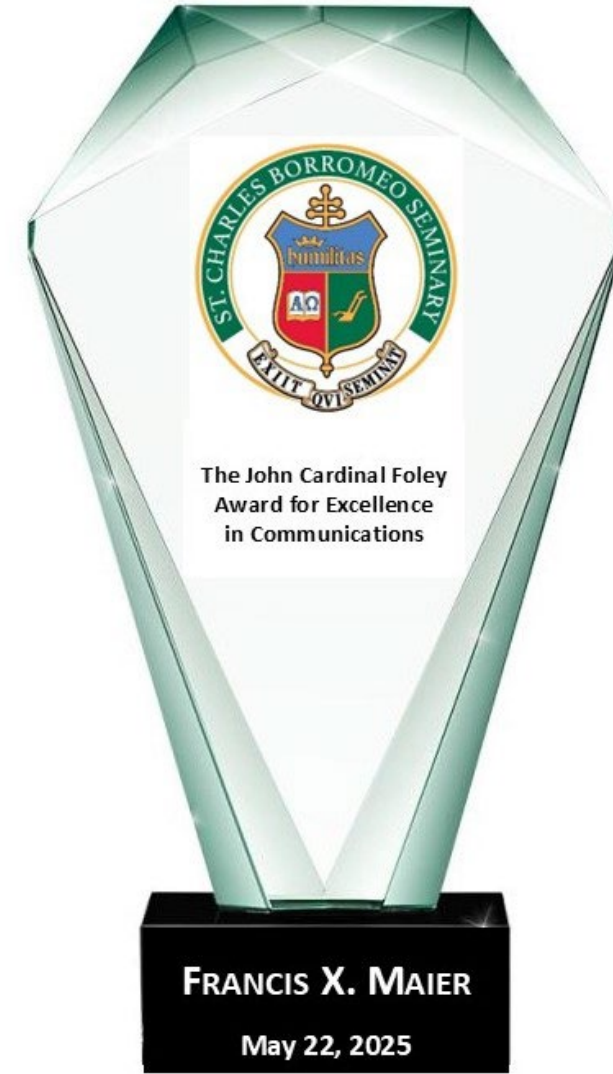
*Voices of Faith
from a Life
in the Church*

*With an introduction by
Emeritus Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.*

*"A fascinating snapshot of the life of
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*—Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York*

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Heavenly God,

In these days, characterized by so much disinformation and polarization, we pray for the grace to "share with gentleness the hope that is in our hearts."

With your grace, help us all to promote a communication that can heal the wounds of our humanity.

Inspire us to make room for a heartfelt trust that does not succumb to the ravages of life but blossoms and grows in the most unexpected places.

Through the power of your Spirit, enable us to spread a culture of care, build bridges, and break down the visible and invisible barriers of the present time.

Through the grace of this Jubilee year, may we always be concerned about our common destiny and, through telling stories steeped in hope, strive to write together history of our future.

Amen.