



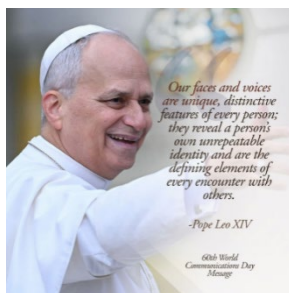
PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 CARDINAL FOLEY AWARD
by REVEREND CHRISTOPHER REDCAY, Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

At this, the ninth symposium to celebrate World Communications Day, it gives me great pleasure, in the name of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, to present this award in the name of an alumnus and former faculty member: [CARDINAL JOHN PATRICK FOLEY](#).

In his work here in Philadelphia and at the Vatican as president of the then-Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Cardinal Foley worked tirelessly to strengthen the Church’s place and enhance its work in the realm of global communications. The annual celebration of World Communications Day focuses on that work.



For this year’s celebration, Pope Leo XIV emphasizes the need for **“Preserving Human Voices and Faces.”**



Since his election last May, the features of the pope’s own face and voice have revealed to the world the identity of one who champions being human in a world of artificial intelligence.

Now we look forward to next Monday’s publication of his first encyclical, devoted to this very subject.

Pope Leo's message for World Communications Day encourages us to make "the indelible reflection of God's love" imprinted upon each of us shine forth in the midst of technological developments.

For the pope, the question of our time "is not what machines can or will be able to do, but what we can and will be able to achieve, by growing humanity and knowledge through the use of the powerful tools at our service."

He urges us not to renounce our creativity or surrender our mental capacities and imagination so as not to bury the talents we have been given to grow as individuals in relation to God and others.

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Our awardee this year has certainly not hidden her face or silenced her voice. To the contrary, in her career as a broadcast journalist, she has served the community with grace and distinction.



From a college basement in upstate New York where she was first enthralled with the power of a teletype machine, she rose to the anchor's desk here in Philly at NBC-10 News, where for thirty years she has connected with people through stories that truly matter for them.

Along the way, her work has been recognized with eleven Emmy Awards, including the prestigious Best News Anchor Emmy for the Mid-Atlantic Region in 2008 and 2013.

She has been awarded three honorary doctoral degrees and was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia in 2015.

Perhaps most notably, she is also an alumna of the religious studies program at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary!

Not resting on those laurels, she has now embarked on a [full-time mission](#) to empower others to transform their lives by cultivating their own confidence, resilience, and authenticity.



Whether through public-speaking events, or a forthcoming podcast and book, she draws from her life experiences to share her talents and skills with new audiences of all kinds.

The difference, she says, is that when she talks to people now, she gets to see their faces!

In the conclusion to his message for World Communications Day, Pope Leo describes “the gift of communication as the deepest truth of humanity” and states that “we need faces and voices to speak for people again.”

Our honoree has done just that throughout her career.

Grateful for the many ways in which she has shared her gift of speaking to and for people, we welcome her back to the Seminary for this special occasion.

Would you please join me now in congratulating the recipient of the *2026 John Cardinal Foley Award for Excellence in Communications* ...

TRACY DAVIDSON



PRESENTATION OF THE DONATION

Conferral of the Cardinal Foley Award includes a charitable donation of \$1,000 given on behalf of our award-winner to a non-profit organization. Tracy has directed this year's donation to **Unite for HER**.

Headquartered in Malvern (PA), this organization's mission is "to enrich the health and well-being of those diagnosed with breast and ovarian cancers – for life – by funding and delivering integrative therapies."



The Seminary is happy to make this donation to support the worthy efforts of Unite for Her, which are guided by the very principles of compassion, community, and empowerment that have distinguished Tracy's excellence in communication.

We are happy to have here with us today the organization's Senior Director of Culinary Nutrition and Education – ERIN PELLEGRIN – whom I now invite to accept this contribution in Tracy's name.

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