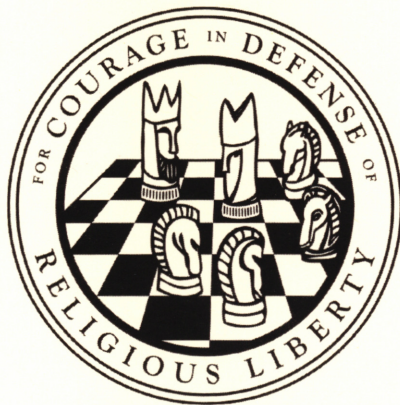




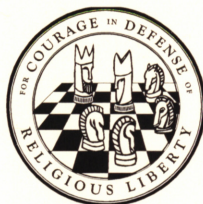
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The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty is a non-profit, public-interest law firm that protects the free expression of all religious traditions. We believe that religious liberty is neither a political tactic, nor an evangelistic tool. Rather, it is a basic human right that no government may lawfully deny. Religious expression – from all traditions – is a natural part of life in a civilized society. Accordingly, the Becket Fund has a 22-year tradition of defending all religions. Our clients have included Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, Zoroastrians, and Native Americans. The Becket Fund operates in three arenas: the courts of law, the court of public opinion, and in the academy. As a 501(c)(3) organization, we are supported entirely by tax-deductible charitable contributions.

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Dinner Menu

Assorted Breads and Rolls

APPETIZER

Kale, Apple, Cranberry and Goat Cheese Salad
with Brussel sprout leaves
Lemon oil dressings

ENTRÉE

Duet of Beef
Braised Guava Short Rib and Sliced Chateaubriand
Herbed Mashed Potatoes, Heirloom Carrots, Micro Greens
Truffle Oil

DESSERT

Assorted Petit Fours

*Dessert and Candy stations in the Garden Foyer
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaf, or Tea

WINE SELECTIONS

Steenberg Sauvignon Blanc
Gascon Malcaeb
Passion fruit lemonade "mocktail"

Fine Chocolates provided by Hatch Family Chocolates



Dinner Program

Master of Ceremonies

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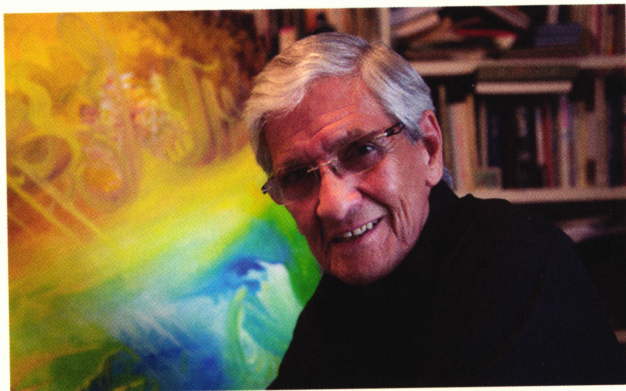
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Post-Dinner desserts and conversation in the Garden Foyer with Mambo Blue at 9:00 p.m.

2016 Canterbury Medalist

ARMANDO VALLADARES

New York Times best-selling author, poet, artist
& former prisoner of conscience



Armando Valladares is a former political prisoner who spent 22 years in Castro's gulags for refusing to place a sign on his desk in support of Fidel. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison without due process. While in prison he became a "Plantado"—a prisoner who refuses to wear a common prison uniform. For refusing to sign a document admitting he was wrong and the Revolution was right, he was brutally tortured, spent 8 years in solitary confinement

and underwent several hunger strikes which left him paralyzed for many years. During this time, he wrote numerous poems which his wife smuggled out of Cuba and had published to critical acclaim. Valladares was adopted by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience.

In 1982, Valladares was released thanks to an international campaign on his behalf. Upon release, he wrote a New York Times best-selling

memoir, *Against All Hope*, which was translated into 18 languages.

In 1986 he was named U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Commission where he was able to highlight the plight of the more than 15,000 political prisoners in Cuba at the time. In 1989, for the first time ever since the Cuban revolution, the Castro regime was forced to open its doors to a UN investigation. The resulting report was devastating for the regime and culminated with the release of many political prisoners. Valladares continues to advocate for human rights—particularly religious liberty—and lives with his wife in Florida where he continues to write poetry, paint and sculpt. He has three adult children and one granddaughter.



2016 Dinner Chairs

TONY AND CHRISTIE DE NICOLA



Tony and Christie de Nicola are known for their dedication to improving inner-city schools and Catholic education, and are staunch advocates for individual liberty.

After earning his B.A. in Economics *summa cum laude* from DePauw University and his M.B.A. with distinction from Harvard, Tony began a distinguished career in the private equity industry. He has held positions at Goldman Sachs, William Blair & Company, and currently serves as Co-President of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, a

private investment firm that he joined in 1994.

Tony is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Cardinal's Inner City Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of New York and utilizes his professional expertise as a Member of the Archdiocese of New York's Catholic Foundation, Member of the Finance Council for the Archdiocese of Newark, and as a founding Board Member of Brilla Academy, a charter school devoted to the impoverished families in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx.

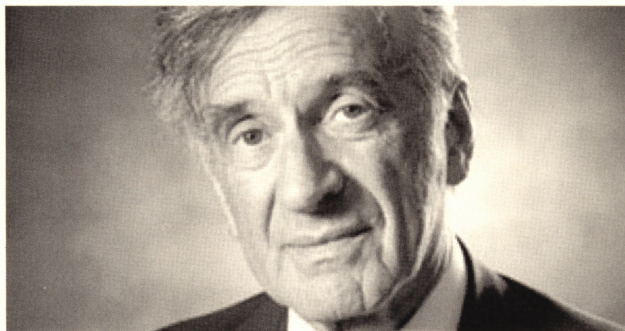
Christie earned her degree at Michigan's Ferris State University and pursued a career as a paralegal in Boston and New York City. Over the past 25 years, Christie has devoted herself to her most important mission, raising the couple's three children, Kaley, Ted and CJ. Christie also possesses a powerful commitment to Catholic social action. She served as a Member of the Boards of St. Elizabeth's Home School Association and Don Bosco Preparatory High School. She has led the Pro-Life Ministry and organized trips to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., for her home parish, St. Elizabeth's. Christie shares her time and talents with HIV/AIDS sufferers living in New Jersey's Harrison House, women and children at Several Sources Women's Shelter, and St. Martin's Soup Kitchen in Jersey City.

Christie and Tony are members of The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and Stewards of St. Peter in The Papal Foundation.

Tribute to the Medalist

ELIE WIESEL

Holocaust survivor, best-selling author & Nobel Laureate



Elie Wiesel was born in 1928 in Sighet, Transylvania, which is now part of Romania. He was fifteen years old when he and his family were deported by the Nazis to Auschwitz. His mother and younger sister perished, his two older sisters survived. Elie and his father were later transported to Buchenwald, where his father died shortly before the camp was liberated in April 1945. After the war, Elie Wiesel studied in Paris and later became a journalist. During an interview with the distinguished French writer, Francois Mauriac, he was

persuaded to write about his experiences in the death camps. The result was his internationally acclaimed memoir, *Night (La Nuit)*, which has since been translated into more than thirty languages.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter appointed Elie Wiesel as Chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust. In 1980, he became the Founding Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. He is President of The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, an organization he and his wife

created to fight indifference, intolerance and injustice. Elie Wiesel has received more than 100 honorary degrees from institutions of higher learning.

Elie Wiesel is the author of more than sixty books of fiction and non-fiction, including *A Beggar in Jerusalem* (Prix Médicis winner), *The Testament* (Prix Livre Inter winner), *The Fifth Son* (winner of the Grand Prize in Literature from the City of Paris), two volumes of his memoirs, *All Rivers Run to the Sea* and *And the Sea is Never Full*, and most recently *The Sonderberg Case*.

For his literary and human rights activities, he has received numerous awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, the National Humanities Medal, the Medal of Liberty, the rank of Grand-Croix in the French Legion of Honor. In 1986, Elie Wiesel won the Nobel Prize for Peace.



Master of Ceremonies

KRISTINA ARRIAGA DE BUCHOLZ

Executive Director, the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty



Kristina Arriaga de Bucholz developed her lifelong passion for freedom from her exiled Cuban American parents. Executive Director since 2010, she leads a team of lawyers and communications professionals who defend our first freedom in the US and abroad. Kristina first joined the Becket Fund in 1995, bringing many years of experience in the fight for liberty.

After starting her career in DC working for US Ambassador José Sorzano at the Cuban American National Foundation, she became an advisor to

the US delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission (UNHRC). Splitting her time between the seat of the UNHRC in Geneva and Washington, D.C., Kristina worked on raising awareness of the plight of political prisoners with New York Times bestselling author, former political prisoner, Armando Valladares who was named Ambassador to the UN.

After returning permanently to the US, Kristina continued to work on behalf of defectors and refugees. Her work orchestrating the spectacular airplane rescue of a defector's

family from Cuba earned her recognition in media all over the world including Reader's Digest and Vanity Fair.

No less adventurous was her time working on domestic affairs as an Intergovernmental Relations Officer at the Department of Housing and Urban Development where she reported to former Ohio Secretary of State, J. Kenneth Blackwell and Secretary Jack Kemp and then later as a four-year appointee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

In between swapping hats at the Becket Fund, she has had the greatest adventure of all: she is happily married and has three kids.

Kristina obtained her undergraduate degree at Marquette University and her Master's Degree at Georgetown University where she graduated summa cum laude.

Opening Remarks

MR. WILLIAM P. MUMMA

President, the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty



Mr. Mumma serves in a full-time volunteer capacity as President and Chairman of the Board for the Becket Fund. He stepped down as CEO of Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA) in 2011, the culmination of a successful thirty-year career on Wall Street. He has also served as Executive Managing Director and head of the Equity Division at Nomura Securities International, and partner and global head of derivatives at Bankers Trust Company. Mr. Mumma gives generously of his time and talents, also currently serving as Trustee at the

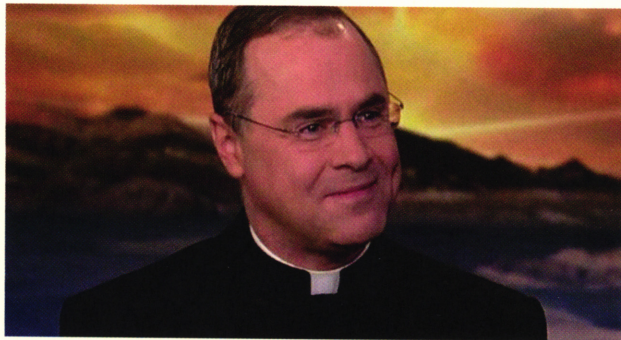
Witherspoon Institute, Board member of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, and Vice Chairman of the New York Men's Leadership Forum. He has degrees from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and Columbia University. Mr. Mumma lives in Summit, New Jersey with his wife Kathy, to whom he has been happily married since 1983, and has six children.



Invocation

FR. PAUL SCALIA

Catholic Diocese of Arlington



Father Paul Scalia is a native of Virginia and grew up in the Diocese of Arlington. He attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. He then studied theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, both in Rome. Since his ordination in 1996 he has served as parochial vicar at Saint Bernadette, Saint Patrick, and Saint Rita parishes. He served as pastor of Saint John the Beloved until 2012, when he was appointed the Bishop's Delegate for Clergy. He has

written for various publications and is a regular contributor to the Arlington Catholic Herald and Encourage and Teach on the diocesan website. He is also a frequent speaker for the Institute of Catholic Culture in Front Royal.

Benediction

ELDER GARY E. STEVENSON

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles,
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Elder Gary E. Stevenson was named an Apostle of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on October 3, 2015. At the time of his call, Elder Stevenson was serving as the Presiding Bishop of the Church since March 2012 and previously served in the First Quorum of the Seventy, to which he was called in 2008.

Elder Stevenson says he has spent much of his life observing the essential work bishops perform across the globe. His father, he said, was “the bishop of my youth, and his service deeply impacted me.”

On many occasions, Elder Stevenson’s father would invite him along on visits to one of the more than 30 widows living in their ward. From his father, Bishop Stevenson learned lessons about Christ-like service and caring for those in need. Those lessons, he said, served him well in his calling as the Presiding Bishop of the Church.

Born on August 6, 1955, to Evan N. and Vera Jean Stevenson, Elder Stevenson grew up in Utah’s Cache Valley in a family that came of pioneer stock. While a young

man, he accepted a call to serve a mission to Japan. That assignment instilled in Elder Stevenson a dual love for Asia and for sharing the gospel that has lasted a lifetime.

After returning from his mission, he enrolled at Utah State University. It was there he met (and was immediately smitten by) Lesa Jean Higley. The two married in April 1979 in the Idaho Falls Idaho Temple. The Stevensons have four sons. While at Utah State, Elder Stevenson obtained a degree in business administration. He later cofounded and served as president of an exercise equipment manufacturing company. He has served in a variety of Church callings, including counselor in a stake presidency, bishop, and president of the Japan Nagoya Mission (2004–07). He was called as a General Authority Seventy in 2008 and served as a counselor and president in the Asia North Area.



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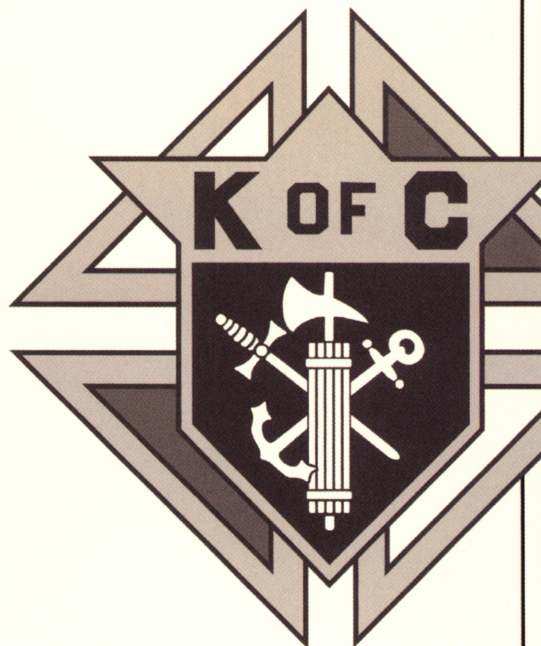


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