



Message from the CEO & President

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 26th Annual Catholic Faith Network Award of Excellence Luncheon. This special gathering is one of our most important fundraising events of the year. We are deeply grateful to both our returning supporters and those who are new to our ministry.

We are honored to recognize Bishop Edmund J. Whalen with the “Religious Leader” award in recognition of his devoted service to the Church. We are also pleased to celebrate Vincent and Patricia Massina with the “Business Leaders” award for their exceptional vision, leadership, and commitment to charitable endeavors. In addition, it is an honor to recognize Grammy nominated artist, Dion DiMucci with the “Media Leader” award for his remarkable contributions and outstanding accomplishments.

Your generosity has empowered us to continue our mission of spreading the Word of God to people of all faiths. Thank you for your continued support and I ask that you keep Catholic Faith Network in your prayers. Please know you are always in mine.

God bless,

Reverend Monsignor James C. Vlaun
CEO/President

PAST HONOREES

2024
Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle
Religious Leader
Claudio & Jami DeVellis
Business Leaders
Dom & Sarah Kroger Quaglia
Media Leaders

2023
Most Rev. Richard Henning
Religious Leader
Dr. Peter Kilpatrick
Catholic Higher Education Leader
Frank & Lori DeLucia
Business Leaders

2022
Archbishop Borys Gudziak
Religious Leader
Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Andrea
Abruzzese
Business Leaders
David Newell
Broadcast Media

2021
Most Rev. William Koenig
Religious Leader
Mr. & Mrs. Steven & Rosa Stella
Business Leaders
Carol Higgins Clark
Broadcast Media
Richard Daly
Lifetime Business Leadership

2019
Sister Mary Alice Piil, CSJ
Religious Leader
Mr. & Mrs. John & Virginia Ewen
Business Leaders
Lonnice Quinn
Broadcast Media

2018
Most Rev. Robert Brennan
Most Rev. Nelson Perez
Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco
Religious Leaders
Rosanna Scotto
Broadcast Media
Claudio & Debra Del Vecchio
Business Leaders

2017
Archbishop Bernardito Auza
Religious Leader
Lawrence Bossidy
Business Leader

2016
Cardinal Daniel DiNardo
Religious Leader
Charles F. Dolan
Lifetime Achievement
Roma Downey & Mark Burnett
Broadcast Media

2015
Archbishop Allen Vigneron
Religious Leader
Jim Sullivan
Business Leader
Chris Mullin
Broadcast Media

2014
Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz
Religious Leader
Paul Conte
Business Leader
Arthur Minson
Broadcast Media

2013
Archbishop William E. Lori
Religious Leader
John & Loretta Cameron
Business & Family Life
Joseph Zwilling
Broadcast Media
Michael Pascucci
Pro Ecclesia Award

2012
Archbishop Claudio M. Celli
Religious Leader
Peter Dunn
Business Leader
Regis Philbin
Broadcast Media

2011
Cardinal John P. Foley
Religious Leader
Thomas J. Fanning, Sr.
Business Leader

2010
Rabbi Marc Gellman
Religious Leader
Anthony V. Curto
Business Leader
Mel Karmazin
Broadcast Media

2009
Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan
Religious Leader
Frank & Rita Castagna
Business & Family Life

2008
Lidia Bastianich
Food & Entertainment
Gary H. Richard
Business & Family Life
Msgr. Francis J. Maniscalco
Religious Leader

2007
Msgr. Thomas J. Hartman
Lifetime Achievement
Susan Lucci
Arts & Entertainment
Lewis S. Ranieri
Business Leader

2006
Kenneth Langone
Business Leader
Cardinal Adam Maida
Religious Leader
Ronan Tynan
Arts & Entertainment

2005
Richard Chapdelaine
Business Leader
Amy Hagedorn
Humanitarian
Jim Nantz
Broadcast Media

2004
Salvatore Sodano
Business Leader
Deborah Norville
Broadcast Media

2003
Frederic V. Salerno
Business Leader
Joe Namath
Athletics
Mary Higgins Clark
Literary

2002
Gerard R. Roche
Business Leader
Jack & Barbara Nicklaus
Sports & Family Life

2001
Dr. Henry Viscardi, Jr.
Lifetime Achievement
Dr. Frank Field
Broadcast Media
Edward D. Miller
Business Leader
Edward “Whitey” Ford
Athletics
Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM
Humanitarian

2000
Most Reverend
John M. McGann
Lifetime Achievement
Charles Dolan
Electronic Media
Coretta Scott King
Humanitarian
Stephen King
Literary

1999
Raymond A. Jansen
Print Media
George L. Engelke
Banking
Tim Russert
Broadcast Media

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Catholic Faith Network Award of Excellence

HONORING

MOST REVEREND EDMUND J. WHALEN
DION DIMUCCI
VINCENT & PATRICIA MASSINA



Tuesday, November 25, 2025
GARDEN CITY HOTEL



MOST REVEREND EDMUND J. WHALEN

A native of Staten Island, Bishop Edmund Whalen attended Blessed Sacrament School and Monsignor Farrell High School, where he later returned as a teacher and principal. He studied history at Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception in Douglaston before completing his priestly formation at the North American College in Rome. There, he earned an STB from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1983 and was ordained a deacon in St. Peter's Basilica. During this time, he also served in the Diocese of Kakamega, Kenya, gaining a deep appreciation for the global expressions of the Catholic faith.

On June 23, 1984, Bishop Whalen was ordained a priest by Archbishop John O'Connor in St. Patrick's Cathedral. His early ministry included assignments at Resurrection Parish, Rye, and St. Joseph's, Bronxville, before returning to Rome for advanced studies at the Pontifical Lateran University and Academia Alfonsiana, where he earned a doctorate in moral theology. He went on to spend twelve years teaching at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, serving as Vice Rector and later as Rector of St. John Neumann Seminary Residence in Riverdale.

Alongside his academic roles, Bishop Whalen ministered in parishes across the Bronx and Staten Island, including St. Clare's, St. Benedict's and St. Joseph-St. Thomas. In 2010, he was named principal of Monsignor Farrell High School, introducing expanded language programs while continuing parish service.

In January 2019, Cardinal Timothy Dolan appointed him Vicar for Clergy, recognizing his decades of dedicated service as teacher, pastor, and leader in the Archdiocese of New York.

Bishop Whalen is widely respected for his dedication to Catholic education, his pastoral care and his commitment to forming the next generation of clergy and the faithful.



DION DIMUCCI

Dion Francis DiMucci, known simply as Dion, is a Bronx-born music legend whose career spanned more than six decades. Dion was raised in a rich musical environment, where he absorbed a wide range of musical influences, from Italian opera to street-corner doo-wop. This early exposure helped shape the signature sound that would carry him to stardom.

Dion first came to fame in the late 1950s as the lead singer of Dion and the Belmonts, with hits like "I Wonder Why," "A Teenager in Love," and "Where or When." Their smooth harmonies and streetwise edge helped define the era's doo-wop style. A near miss

tragedy came in 1959 when Dion declined to board the ill-fated plane that crashed on "The Day the Music Died," opting instead for a bus ride due to the ticket cost.

In the early 1960s Dion launched a solo career and quickly became a chart-topping sensation with enduring hits like "Runaround Sue" and the "The Wanderer." His charisma, vocals, and style made him stand out in the early days of rock and roll.

In the late 1960s Dion turned to more reflective music, releasing "Abraham, Martin and John," a heartfelt tribute to fallen leaders. Over the years he embraced gospel, folk, and especially blues, and has collaborated with legendary artists like Bruce Springsteen, Paul Simon, and Van Morrison.

Dion was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989 and continues to record and perform. His life story is marked by resilience, reinvention, and his deep love of music cements his place as one of rock and roll's most enduring voices.

You are cordially invited to attend a luncheon honoring the recipients of the

2025 Catholic Faith Network Award of Excellence

CFN Award of Excellence
"Religious Leader"

Bishop Edmund J. Whalen

CFN Award of Excellence
"Media Leader"

Dion DiMucci

CFN Award of Excellence
"Business Leaders"

Vincent & Patricia Massina

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

11AM Reception ~ 12PM Luncheon

Garden City Hotel

45 Seventh Street

Garden City, NY 11530

Business Attire

VINCENT & PATRICIA MASSINA

Vincent "Vinny" Massina and his wife, Patricia, reside in Westbury and are devoted parishioners of Saint Brigid's Church. Together, they are the proud parents of two children, Vincent and Julianna. Vinny is President at H.M. Hughes and oversees all business operations. He is a dedicated board member of the Catholic Faith Network, where he shares his leadership and commitment to faith, family, and community.



FRANK & LORI DELUCIA, EVENT CO-CHAIRS

Frank and Lori DeLucia are deeply devoted to each other and their family. They are proud parents to two sons and grandparents to their beloved grandson, August and their new beautiful granddaughter, Emily Pia. Together, they cherish time spent with family and share a love for skiing, fishing, golf, and cooking.

Frank is the Executive Vice President of HUB International Northeast, a top tier insurance brokerage in the U.S. and a CFN board member. He specializes in insuring both residential and commercial

real estate owners and management companies throughout the New York metro area. As a senior broker, he represents over 100 major real estate companies in the region. He is also actively involved in the industry through leadership roles in several real estate associations and elected to serve as Governor for the National Realty Club. Additionally, Frank contributes his expertise as a member of the Fashion Service Network (FSN), a professional group committed to advancing the fashion industry. He has been honored in several industry associations as well where he is on the board. Most recent is Nassau County Police Explorers and St. Anthony's High School Black & Gold Dinner.

Lori serves as a sacristan at St. Rose of Lima Church in their hometown of Massapequa. She is passionate about her role in the church and is deeply committed to sharing her faith with others.

Frank and Lori are devoted witnesses to their Catholic faith and are honored to support the mission of the Catholic Faith Network.



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The Catholic Faith Network, formerly Telecare, operates with the mission of spreading God's Word through its religious and educational Catholic programming to people of faith wherever they may be. The purpose of CFN's mission is to bring people of the Catholic faith, indeed all people, closer to God.