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NMCAL'S 4th Annual Roman Gala ~ "Celebrating Families and Love is our Mission, May 13, 2015 at the Embassy of Italy, DC



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*His Excellency, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Council of Families to be honored on Wednesday evening, May 13, 2015 at the Embassy of Italy, DC with a host of Ambassadors and Washington Business Leaders*

**(April 22, 2015 - Washington, DC):** Ambassadors, Senators and Congress members, Roman Catholic Clergy, artists, business leaders and patrons of the arts will gather under the **Patronage of the Ambassador of Italy to the United States and Mrs. Claudio Bisogniero** and under the Patronage of the Order of San Martino and Knights, honoree **Prince Lorenzo Maria Raimondo de Medici** from Rome will come together to celebrate this springtime gala on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima.

It will be held at the Embassy of Italy on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 6:30 P.M. to 10:30 PM. Hosted by the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Catholic Art and Library, **Honorary Gala Chairs US Ambassador Raymond and Kathleen Flynn and Gala Chairs, Christina Cox, NMCAL Founder and NMCAL Chairman, Timothy Barton and President JMJ Development of Dallas, TX** will be fundraising to support a new museum.

The NMCAL'S **Lifetime Achievement Awards** will be presented to honoree **Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia**, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family; **Former US Secretary of Veterans James Nicholson**, Former US Ambassador to the Holy See and Former Republican National Committee Chairman, **Thomas Prasil**, Former Senior Vice President of Investments at Paine Weber, UBS. The Environmental, Peace and Justice Award will be presented to **Daniel Misleh**, Executive Director, Catholic Climate Covenant. Monsignor Rossi, Rector of The Basilica of The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will say the innovation this evening.

NMCAL Patron of the Arts Award will be given to **Johnesco Rodriguez**. **Steve Alpert** will receive the National Military Artist Award, **Luis Peralta** will receive the Portrait Award for his painting of Archbishop Oscar Romero, and **Paul Gatto** will receive the International Artist Award for his painting of The Morsel and his many artworks donated to NMCAL. We will be exhibiting **Michelangelo's St Peters' Pieta**, a life-size marble reproduction sculpture from the Vatican Observatory by **Arte Divine**, and donated by art collector Thomas Prasil.

. International Claudia Hecht and David Newren, President of Arte Divine will donate several sculptures of the Virgin Mary and Jesus to The Pontifical Council of the Families. The National Museum of Catholic Art and Library is presently fundraising for their new space near Catholic University of America.

**Contact: to purchase tickets and for information: Catherine Welker or Christina Cox**

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#### **GALA DETAILS BELOW**

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**WHO: Leaders from business, politics, religion and the arts, plus patrons of the arts**

**WHEN: 6:30-10:30 pm, Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

**WHERE: Italian Embassy, 3000 Whitehaven St. NW, Washington, DC 20008**

**DRESS: Black Tie, Formal Long Dress**

**SUPPORT: Limited space is available; contact NMCAL**

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