



CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE
41ST ANNUAL GALA

Friday, November 22, 2024

EDUCATION
from the
Heart
of the CHURCH

The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More

5:00pm: Mass & Graduation Ceremony

3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203

– Travel time to the Gala Dinner is approximately 10 minutes –

Army Navy Country Club

6:30pm: Cocktail Reception

7:30pm: Dinner & Award Presentation

1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202

RSVP by **Friday, November 1, 2024**

Seating is limited | Black tie optional | Invitation is non-transferable

Speakers



THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE

Bishop of Arlington, Founder's Award Recipient

On June 8, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Burbidge the fifth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh. On October 4, 2016, he was announced by Pope Francis as the fourth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Bishop Burbidge is a member of several Boards of Trustees, including The Catholic University of America, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic International University, and the Commissariat of the Holy Land. Bishop Burbidge has held a number of leadership positions at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and previously served as Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations and the Committee for Communications, and currently as Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities.



MARIA SOPHIA AGUIRRE, PHD

President, Catholic International University

Dr. Maria Sophia Aguirre was appointed president of Catholic Distance University on July 1, 2023. A Professor Emeritus of Economics at The Catholic University of America, she holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Notre Dame and degrees in Finance and Accounting earned in Argentina. She is the founder of the Integral Economic Development theory and methodology. She has researched, published, and lectured in the areas of international finance and exchange rates, as well as on theories of population, human and social capital, and family as they relate to economic development. She is a Fulbright scholar and has represented countries at international organizations, including the Holy See, and served the U.S. President and Secretary of State as an appointee for two presidential terms. Dr. Aguirre is a Fulbright Scholar.



TRACY SABOL

Anchor of EWTN News Nightly

Master of Ceremonies

Award winning journalist Tracy Sabol is the Anchor of EWTN News Nightly, EWTN's daily news and analysis program presenting breaking Catholic News worldwide, top stories and daily reports from the White House, Capitol Hill and Rome all through the lens of the Catholic Faith. While at EWTN News Nightly, Sabol has been honored to interview a number of well known news makers, politicians and Catholic clergy including Cardinal Raymond Burke, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop Bashar Warda, actors Jonathan Roumie, Antonio Banderas, Eduardo Verastegui and President Donald Trump while he was running for re-election in 2020.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Once Catholic Distance University we have changed our name to *Catholic International University*. This name change aligns with our mission to communicate the mind and heart of the Church in support of the New Evangelization. In pursuit of Truth, the university educates learners globally through personal and relational online programs in Catholic theology and faith development, liberal arts, science, and technology, to foster faith, leadership, and service for the Church and the world.

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Presenting \$50,000

2 Premier Tables for 20 guests
One double occupancy hotel room
Recognition on stage in live program
Logo featured at Gala
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One double occupancy hotel room
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1 Premier Table for 10 guests
One double occupancy hotel room
Recognition on stage in live program
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\$18,250 tax deductible

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1 Premier Table for 10 guests
Listing on Gala website
Electronic recognition at Gala
\$13,500 tax deductible

Gala \$10,000

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Listing on Gala website
Electronic recognition at Gala
\$8,500 tax deductible

Champion \$7,500.00

1 Table for 10 guests
Listing on Gala website
Electronic recognition at Gala
\$6,000 tax deductible

Patron \$5,000

Tickets for 8 guests
Listing on Gala website
Electronic recognition at Gala
\$3,800 tax deductible

Associate \$2,750

Tickets for 4 guests
Listing on Gala website
Electronic recognition at Gala
\$2,150 tax deductible

Friend \$1,500

Tickets for 2 guests
Listing on Gala website
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