

**Year 2019**  
**Kansas City Events**



5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
February 13, 2019

**Patrick McCaskey**  
*"Faith & Sports"*

Patrick McCaskey, Sr. Director of the Chicago Bears, shares his experience of the spiritual enrichment he has received from athletes, coaches, religious and everyday people. Pat recalls the stories of those who strived to make the cut on and off the field—plus people who left comfortable lives to serve the underserved in extraordinary ways. His talk "Faith & Sports" includes "The Ten Commandments of Football" and "If the Apostles Had Played Football."



5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
March 13, 2019

**Msgr. Stuart Swetland**

Msgr. Swetland, received his undergraduate degree in Physics from the United States Naval Academy. Elected a Rhodes Scholar in 1981, he entered the Catholic Church while studying Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford. He has served as the Executive Director of the Center for the Advancement of Catholic Higher Education. Msgr. Swetland was named a Prelate of Honor by Saint John Paul II and is a Knight Commander for the Equestrian Order of the *Holy Sepulchre* and a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. He currently serves as the seventh President of Donnelly College in Kansas City, KS, where he is also Professor of Leadership and Christian Ethics. Msgr. Swetland hosts the television show *Catholicism on Campus* on EWTN and *Go Ask Your Father* on Relevant Radio.

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5:30 p.m. Wednesday  
April 10, 2019

**Ralph Martin**  
*"What is the New Evangelization?  
- Why Bother?"*

Ralph Martin is the president of Renewal Ministries, an organization devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelization in 30 countries. Ralph is also the director of graduate theology programs in evangelization and is a professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He holds a doctorate in theology from the Angelicum University in Rome. Pope Benedict XVI appointed Ralph as a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. He was also appointed as a peritus (theological expert) for the Synod on the New Evangelization, which was held in Rome in 2012.



5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
May 8, 2019

**Greg Erlandson**  
*"The Value of the Catholic Press"*

Greg Erlandson is a lay Catholic journalist, editor and author, now director and editor in chief of Catholic News Service (CNS.) Before being name to this post, he served 15 years as president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, a national Catholic publisher. He is also a former president of the Catholic Press Association. Mr. Erlandson has served as consultor for the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. In 2014, the Council of Cardinals appointed him as one of six international experts to the Vatican Media Committee to seek ways to reform the Vatican's press operations. His earlier jobs include working as a foreign correspondent in the Rome bureau of Catholic News Service and serving as news editor for the National Catholic Register. He co-authored the book *"Pope Benedict XVI and the Sexual Abuse Crisis: Working for Reform and Renewal."*

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5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday: June 12, 2019  
**Legatus Summer Social**

5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
July 10, 2019

**Fr. Nicanor Austriaco**  
*"From the Laboratory to the Lord- And Back Again"*



Fr. Nicanor currently serves as Associate Professor of Biology and Theology at Providence College in Rhode Island where he introduces students to science and how it uncovers the marvels of Creation. His areas of expertise include ethics of stem cell research, health care ethics, and bioethics in the Catholic tradition. His first book, *Biomedicine and Beatitude: An Introduction to Catholic Bioethics*, was published by the Catholic University of America Press. It was recognized as a 2012 Choice outstanding academic title by the Association of College and Research Libraries. He is also involved in a research project for the study of Thomistic Evolution.



5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
August 14, 2019

**Guy Gruters**  
*"Locked up with God"*

Guy Gruters graduated from the Air Force Academy and volunteered for Vietnam. He served six years—five as a POW. He completed more than 400 combat missions and was awarded more than 30 combat awards including two Silver Stars, two DFCs, two purple hearts, two bronze stars for valor, a Presidential Unit citation, 20 air medals and numerous other medals. He was shot down twice and captured the second time. Guy speaks of his captivity at the Hanoi Hilton. Guy later became a successful international account representative at IBM, then was president of PC Software Systems for more than ten years. Upon retiring from Eastern, Guy took the position of Director of Data Processing for Pearl Vision in Dallas and then VP-MIS for McCrory Corporation in Pennsylvania, both billion dollar corporations.

## 2019 Kansas City Speakers

5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
September 11, 2019



**Bert Ghezzi**  
“*The Angry Christian*”

After receiving his Ph.D. from Notre Dame, Bert Ghezzi taught history for seven years at a state university. He has had a long career in Christian publishing, writing twenty books including *Voices of the Saints*, and *Mystics and Miracles* and most recently *The Angry Christian*. At this time when anger runs at a high pitch in our society, Bert Ghezzi offers biblically-based advice that shows how to use it wisely. He corrects the mistaken view that anger is always bad and sinful. Bert explains that under the power of the Holy Spirit, we can transform our anger into occasions of grace. He shows how anger can fuel our evangelization and drive our concern for caring for the poor and marginalized.



5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
October 9, 2019

**Chris Stepien**  
“*Dying to be Happy*”

Detroit native Chris Stepien began his professional journalistic career as a television producer-director and writer for ABC. After working eight years at WXYZ-TV, Detroit, and winning six EMMY awards for documentaries, sports and celebrity specials, and children’s programming, Stepien left broadcasting and co-founded Adventure, Inc., a Detroit-based video/film production company. Currently, Stepien is the writer, creative director, and owner of Stepien Creative Services, Inc. Stepien is also the author of *Three Days: The Search for the Boy Messiah*, a Biblical novel about pre-teen Jesus.

## 2019 Kansas City Speakers



5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
November 13, 2019

**Judy Landrieu Klein**  
“*Faith in the Workplace*”

A wife, mother of five and Catholic theologian, Judy was studying for a PhD in Bioethics when her late husband, Bernie, suffered a massive heart attack. His near-death experience and miraculous deathbed conversion prompted her to write a book about their journey both to share their incredible story and give hope to others in the midst of deep suffering. It became an Amazon Kindle #1 Bestseller in Catholicism. Now an author, theologian and inspirational speaker Judy also holds a license in pastoral counseling. Having co-hosted Radio Maria’s Apologetics Live program for five years, Judy also has extensive experience teaching Catholic apologetics.

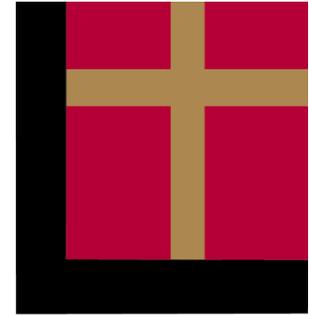
5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
December 11, 2019



### *Legatus Christmas Social*

**Mass is typically alternated each month between Our Lady of Good Counsel church in Kansas City, MO and The St. Angela Merici Chapel at Bishop Miege High School in Roeland Park, KS**

**The Reception and dinner is typically held at the Mission Hills Country Club in Mission Hills, KS**



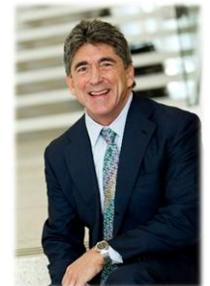
# Legatus

## 2019 Kansas City Chapter Events Program

5:30 pm – 9 pm  
Includes Mass, Reception & Dinner with speaker

5:30 p.m. ∞ Wednesday  
January 17, 2019

**Dr. Marcellino D’Ambrosio**



Our chapter will welcome back Dr. D’Ambrosio, world renowned author, speaker, and commentator on religious issues. With a Ph.D. in theology, nine years of university teaching, and hundreds of published articles, he has a wealth of knowledge and knows how to make it accessible to a wide audience. Known on social media as “Dr. Italy” he appears weekly on a variety of TV and radio programs. His books include the #8 New York Times bestseller, *The Guide to the Passion: 100 Questions on the Passion of the Christ*.