

## REVEREND MONSIGNOR KIERAN E. HARRINGTON 2022 Mission Impact Award

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In March 2021, Reverend Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington was appointed National Director of The Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States by His Eminence, Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. In this capacity, he oversees the U.S. efforts to raise awareness of and gather a Universal Solidarity Fund of support for the Holy Father's missions throughout Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands, as well as parts of Latin America and Europe. There are four Pontifical Mission Societies: Society for the Propagation of the Faith (supporting the pastoral and evangelizing programs, and the building of churches in mission dioceses); the Missionary Childhood Association (providing for outreach and service to children in the Missions); the Society of St. Peter Apostle (for mission vocations to the priesthood and religious life), and the Pontifical Missionary Union (a spiritual apostolate for those engaged in catechesis and religious education, helping Catholics better understand their baptismal responsibility for the Church's missionary work).

He previously served as the Rector of the Co-Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, New York. At the same time, he was President and Chairman of the DeSales Media Group, Inc.

Monsignor Kieran Harrington was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Brooklyn on June 2, 2001. His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI elevated him to the rank of Papal Chaplain with the title of Reverend Monsignor on September 3, 2009.

He graduated with honors from St. John's University with a degree in Philosophy. He holds a Masters of Divinity degree from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and a Masters of Business Administration from the N.Y.U. Stern School of Business.

As Vicar for Communications, Monsignor Harrington planned and executed the overhaul of the communication assets of the Diocese of Brooklyn, which resulted in the formation of the DeSales Media Group, Inc. He managed a staff of over 100 people and was responsible for a budget of several tens of million dollars each year. He is also overseeing the building of a state-of-the-art media center in the heart of Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, expected to be completed in the second quarter of fiscal 2019-2020.

As Rector of the Co-Cathedral of Saint Joseph, he directed the transformation of a 100-year-old parish church into the Co-Cathedral of the Diocese of Brooklyn. The congregation which had basically dwindled to about 40 people is now close to 700 families with vibrant religious and sacramental programs. He personally shepherded the twenty million dollars in construction and restoration work from 2008 through 2014.

From 2009 through 2018, Monsignor Harrington served as host of "In The Arena," a weekly series on WOR radio, with world-renowned guests, intense debates and compelling interviews covering various topics and social opinions from a Catholic cultural perspective.

Reverend Monsignor Kieran Harrington is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He currently serves on the board of the Domus Missionalis, which is responsible for seminarians and priests, as well as men and women Religious from the Mission Church who are studying in Rome. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Saint Thomas More Award of the Catholic Lawyers Guild, the Father Mychal Judge Award at the Great Irish Fair in Brooklyn, New York, and the John Paul II Distinguished Stewardship Award. In his free time, Monsignor Harrington enjoys sailing and spending time with Richelieu, his Irish Wolfhound.