



THE NATIONAL  
**MUSEUM**  
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*"A Museum Built By Angels"*



**Frank Kendal III**, Under  
Secretary of Acquisition



**Archbishop Broglio**



**William H. Swanson**,  
Chairman of the Board of  
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***3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Roman Gala ~ "LA PRIMAVERA" honors leaders in defense and the arts***

**Archbishop Broglio, Ambassador Ray Flynn, Frank Kendal III, DOD & William Swanson of Raytheon to be honored on Wednesday evening, April 2, 2014 at The Embassy of Italy, DC.**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -(March 19, 2014 - Washington, DC): Ambassadors, politicians, military, chaplains, defense industry and business leaders and museum supporters 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, honoree ***Prince Lorenzo Maria Raimondo de Medici*** from Rome and Florence will come together to celebrate this springtime Gala ~ La Primavera.

It will be held at the Embassy of Italy on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 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 Chairman, Mayor Vincent C. Gray and Honorary Gala Chairwoman, Christina Cox, NMCAL Founder and NMCAL Chairman, Tim Barton and President JMJ Development of Dallas, TX will be fundraising to support a new museum.***

The **Lifetime Achievement Awards** will be presented to honoree ***Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio***, Archbishop of the Military Services, USA by Monsignor Walter Rossi; Former ***Secretary of Veterans Jim Nicholson*** will introduce honoree Former US Ambassador to the Holy See and Former Mayor of Boston, ***Ambassador Raymond Flynn and honoree William H. Swanson, Chairman of the Board of Raytheon Company*** will be introduced by ***Dr. John Hamre, CEO of CSIS***. The Leadership Award presented to ***Frank Kendal III***, Under Secretary of Acquisition, Technology and Logistics of US Department of Defense. ***Trammell S. Crow***, Founder of Earth Day Texas will receive the Environmental Award given by museum board member ***Johan Schotte*** of the Johan Schotte foundation in Crans- Montana, Switzerland.

We have the honor to introduce a new museum called "***The National Museum of Catholic Art and Library***", a 501-c3 Washington, DC organizations and public charity. Our NMCAL fundraising event is to support our new museum location in downtown, Washington, DC.

NMCAL Art Awards will be given to ***Claudia Hecht*** for the "International Artist Award" and ***Luis Peralta*** for the "National Artist" Award. We will be exhibiting ***Michelangelo's St Peters' Pieta***, a life-size marble reproduction sculpture from the Vatican Observatory by ***Arte Divine***, and NMCAL collection of bronze Gianbologna's Boboli Venus and a bronze Donatello's Boy Angel from the Marinelli Foundry,

Florence. **Pope John Paul II, Pope John XXIII and Pope Francis's** portraits will be unveiled at our event for the pre-celebration of their Holiness' sainthoods in Vatican City.

**Contact: to purchase tickets and for information:**

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**GALA DETAILS BELOW**

**WHAT: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Roman Gala~ "LA PRIMAVERA"**

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

**WHEN: 6:30-10:30 pm, Wednesday April 2, 2014**

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

**DRESS: Black tie, military uniform**

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

**CONTACT: Ms. Christina Cox, NMCAL (202)-450-5707 office, 917-750-0014 cell; catholicart@aol.com)**

**For Tickets Prices and to reserved tables: \$1000 VIP, \$500**

**Tables: \$50,000, \$25,000, \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000**

**This is a private event given by NMCAL; Embassy of Italy is not selling tickets.**

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