

Spokespeople Biographies and Headshots



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

Patrick E. Kelly is the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, having taken office on March 1, 2021. He serves as the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than 2 million members internationally.

Mr. Kelly has had a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. His demonstrated track record of service to Church and country for more than 25 years serves him well in advancing the Knights' mission of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Mr. Kelly served as Deputy Supreme Knight from 2017 until February 28, 2021. Previously, he served as Vice President for Public Policy for 11 years, spearheading the

Knights' interaction with the White House, U.S. Congress and federal agencies. He also served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia. As a longtime executive and fraternal leader of the Knights of Columbus, he has consistently strengthened its record of charity, advocacy, insurance, investing and membership growth.

Mr. Kelly served as the first executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., and oversaw the renewal of the facility after its purchase by the Knights in 2011. During his tenure, the shrine became a leading pilgrimage site and a source of education and inspiration for Catholics throughout the United States and the world. Additionally, Mr. Kelly is an Executive Producer of the documentary film *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*.

Prior to his leadership roles in the Knights, Mr. Kelly pursued a lengthy career of public service. Most notably, he was Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal liaison with the Holy See and assisting with the formulation of U.S. foreign policy on religious freedom worldwide. He led U.S. delegations to the World Summit on Islamic-Christian dialogue (2005), the UN conference on interfaith cooperation (2005), and annual Sant'Egidio conferences.

He also held legal advisory roles on the House Intelligence Committee and in the Department of Justice, where he specialized in counterterrorism and national security.

Mr. Kelly served in the United States Navy for 24 years, on land and sea, on active duty and reserve status. As a Judge Advocate General, he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the U.S. Naval War College. He served on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and aboard the USS Guam as the Staff Judge Advocate for Amphibious Squadron Two. His personal awards include three Navy Achievement Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the JAG Corps Reserve in 2016.

Mr. Kelly serves as consultant to four committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB): the Committee on Pro-life Activities; the Committee on Religious Liberty; the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; and the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism.

Mr. Kelly was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the March for Life (United States) from 2012-2021. Under his leadership, the March for Life became one of the most effective pro-life organizations in the world. He has been a member of the Board of

Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) since 2013. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America (CUA) and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Mr. Kelly holds a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at CUA, a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a bachelor's degree in economics from Marquette, where he joined the Knights of Columbus in 1983.

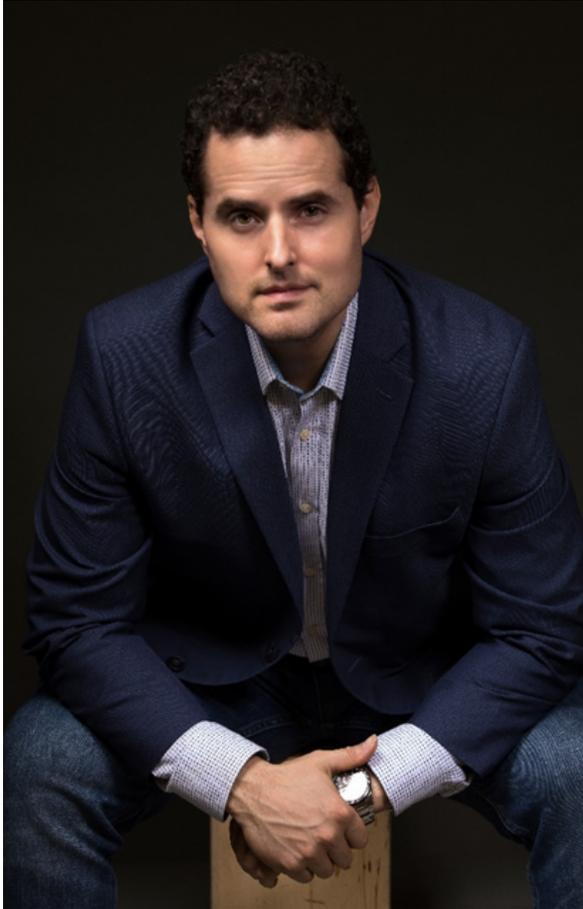
He and his wife, Vanessa, have three daughters. They live in Connecticut.



Jonathan Reyes

Jonathan Reyes is the Senior Vice President of Corporate Communications and Strategic Partnerships for the Knights of Columbus, and past Senior Vice President of Evangelization and Faith Formation. Among his several roles he's the host of *KnightCast*, a groundbreaking video series from the Knights of Columbus with the aim of engaging today's Catholic men in a compelling conversation about the Catholic Faith

and their own, personal growth as they lead their families in service to the Church. *KnightCast* covers topics ranging from sports and marriage to evangelization and the Saints. Additionally, Mr. Reyes is an Executive Producer of the documentary film "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love."



David Naglieri

David Naglieri is an Emmy award-winning documentary filmmaker and television producer. His films have been distributed in more than 80 countries and garnered accolades at film festivals around the world. He is best known for his 2016 feature length documentary "Liberating a Continent; John Paul II and the Fall of Communism," which earned five Emmy nominations and was hailed as a "documentary masterpiece" by *First Things* magazine.

David has produced nearly two dozen films since 2006, four in collaboration with Jim Caviezel as narrator (John Paul II in Ireland: A Plea for Peace (2018); Liberating a Continent (2016); Face of Mercy (2016); Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message (2015)) and hundreds of TV programs, corporate videos and national TV commercials. His films are noted for their combination of extensive and original historical research, emotive and forceful storytelling, and fearless conviction. A 2002 recipient of a PEW fellowship to study the influence of religion on contemporary global affairs, David holds a Master's Degree in International Relations from Boston University and a Bachelor's Degree in History from Marist College.



Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk

Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.C., Ph.D., was born in Winnipeg, Canada. He met Mother Teresa in 1977 and was associated with her until her death in 1997. He joined the Missionaries of Charity Fathers at the time of their foundation in 1984. Fr. Brian is

postulator of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and director of the Mother Teresa Center. He's also the editor of the New York Times bestseller "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta."



James Wahlberg

James Wahlberg is the Executive Director of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation and has been working in and around the field of addiction recovery for more than 25 years. Jim's relationship with his faith began through the compassion of a Catholic Priest and a visit from Mother Theresa during one of his stints in a Massachusetts State Correctional Facility.

As Jim worked to maintain long-term sobriety and strengthen his faith, the Spirit led him to create a number of short films on the topic of addiction, including the critically acclaimed 'If Only' that is particularly relevant in light of today's opiate crisis. 'If Only' was created to encourage a dialogue between parents, teachers, faith leaders, and young people; and has been shown to hundreds of thousands of people in venues ranging in size from classrooms to arenas..

Jim partnered with Catholic publishing company Our Sunday Visitor to publish his memoir, "The Big Hustle: A Boston Street Kid's Story of Addiction and Redemption" and produce the faith-based film "What About the Kids?" which advocates for a faith-based

solution to substance use disorder and features an appearance by Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

The Spirit continues to guide Jim in his journey of recovery and philanthropy, and to help others find hope in often seemingly hopeless situations.