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#### **Edward Mechmann and David Quinn**



Welcome Maria McFadden Maffucci

Invocation Bishop John O. Barres

Dinner

Program 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

A Tribute To James P. McFadden Rebecca Ryskind Teti

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#### About Our Honorees . . .

**E**dward Mechmann, a Harvard Law School graduate, is Director of Public Policy for the Archdiocese of New York, where he works to craft and promote legislation that comports with Catholic teaching on the sanctity of human life. Among his many accomplishments is an amicus curiae brief he authored for the New York State Catholic Conference in *Myers* v. *Schnei*-



*derman*, the 2017 case in which New York State's highest court rejected a constitutional right to assisted suicide. Last spring, Mr. Mechmann testified against the "Medical Aid in Dying Act" before state assembly members; the bill, which Governor Cuomo endorses, has yet to come up for a vote. Mr. Mechmann also drafted a bill, currently before the state legislature, that would make it easier for mothers who have miscarried to bury their babies. An advisor to Cardinal Dolan, he participates in public conferences and debates on social issues concerning the Church, as well as overseeing the Archdiocese's child protection programs. His weekly blog, "Stepping Out of the Boat," can be found on the Archdiocese's website.

**D**avid Quinn is a well-known Irish journalist who specializes in religious and social affairs. Currently, he has regular columns in both the *Irish Independent* and the *Irish Catholic*—the latter a weekly newspaper he edited from 1996 until 2003. He also writes for several international magazines, including *First Things*, and is a longtime contributor to the *Human Life Review* (his first article, "The New



Ireland vs. God," appeared in the Spring 1995 edition). A frequent commentator on radio and television, Mr. Quinn was a highly visible presence in the "Save the Eighth" campaign, a valiant effort to preserve legal protection for unborn children in the Irish Constitution, which he recounts in "One of Us? Ireland Says No," his latest article for the *Review* (Summer 2018). Mr. Quinn is also the founding director of the Iona Institute, a Dublin-based think tank that promotes the right to life, traditional marriage, and religious freedom. His book, *How We Killed God: and Other Tales of Modern Ireland*, was published last year.

#### About Our Speakers . . .



The Most Reverend John O. Barres, a native of Larchmont, New York, was installed last year as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, where his activities have included leading students from Kellenberg Memorial High School in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Baptized by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in 1960, he received a BA in English literature from Princeton before his priestly calling led him to earn degrees in Systematic Theology at Catholic University (STB, STL) and Spiritual Theology and Canon Law at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome (STD, JCL).

**R**ebecca Ryskind Teti has a B.A. from the University of Dallas and an M.A. from the Catholic University of America. She is the Operations Director of the Ciocca Center for Principled Entrepreneurship at the Catholic University of America's Busch School of Business. She worked for J.P. McFadden as the Assistant Washington Bureau Chief of the Ad Hoc Committee in Defense of Life in the 1990s. A long-time contributor to the *Human Life Review*, Mrs. Teti lives in Hyattsville, Maryland, with her husband and four children.





Maria McFadden Maffucci is the President of the Human Life Foundation and Editor of the *Human Life Review*.

#### About the Human Life Foundation . . .

**Founded in 1974,** the Human Life Foundation, Inc. is an independent, not-forprofit, non-sectarian organization chartered specifically to promote—and to help provide—alternatives to abortion. The Foundation seeks to achieve its goals through educational and charitable means, and welcomes the support of all those who share its beliefs in the sacredness of every human life (however helpless or "unwanted") and are willing to support the God-given rights of the unborn, as well as the aged, the infirm—all the living—whenever and wherever their right to life is challenged. All contributions to the Human Life Foundation are deductible from taxable income according to the Internal Revenue Code: Section 501 (c) (3). The Foundation, which is chartered in the State of New York, is not affiliated with any other organization or group.

**Education:** Since 1975, the Human Life Foundation has published the *Human Life Review*, a quarterly journal focusing on abortion and a variety of other lifeand-death issues. In 43 years of continuous publishing, the *Review* has compiled perhaps the most extensive record that exists of the abortion debate since *Roe* v. *Wade*. The entire archive is accessible online at the Foundation's website, www. humanlifereview.com.

**EXPECT:** The *Human Life Review*'s initiative for students and young professionals, EXPECT sponsors events that bring together national pro-life leaders and provide valuable opportunities for young people to express their views and network with each other. Panel discussions addressing abortion and other life-and-death issues from various perspectives have been held at Columbia University and Fordham University. Most recently, EXPECT hosted a showing and panel discussion of the film *Pro-Life Feminist* at the Sheen Center for Thought and Culture in Greenwich Village, NY.

**Charitable Outreach**: The Human Life Foundation, from its beginning, has helped to support crisis pregnancy centers around the country through a "baby saving" matching-grant program. Contributions to the Foundation may be earmarked for this alone.



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#### From the Editor . . .

I am so pleased to welcome you to our 16th annual Great Defender of Life Dinner!

Our honorees tonight are men of great character who valiantly fight each day to restore respect for the dignity of life in a troubling culture of death.

Attorney Edward Mechmann does so from his position as Director of Public Policy at the Archdiocese of New York. David Quinn does so from Dublin, Ireland, where he heads the pro-life Iona Institute. Both men are contributors to our *Review*, and we look forward to hearing from them tonight.

We are honored to also welcome The Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, and Rebecca Ryskind Teti, who share the distinction of being, at one time, employed by my late father, J.P. McFadden, whose legacy we honor to-night.

My heartfelt thanks to the members of our Board of Directors for their indispensable contributions to all our programs. Along with Board duties, both Patricia O'Brien and Vice-Chairman Dana Hendershott also volunteer countless hours at our office, sharing the joy of our mission as well as the anxiety and aggravation of keeping a small non-profit alive in New York City.

Our staff, the "merry band of troublemakers," as described by 2009 Great Defender of Life Awardee William McGurn, are dedicated and tireless: Anne Conlon, Managing Editor, Christina Angelopoulos, IT Director; and Rose Flynn DeMaio, Financial Manager. Finally, our team is further enhanced by our two unfailingly energetic and cheerful part-time staff members, Ida Paz and Jane Devanny.

We are deeply indebted to those who make our advocacy for life possible—our supporters—thank you! And to those who are here tonight for the first time, we hope you will become *Human Life Review* readers and join us in our mission to change hearts and minds, for life.

Yours faithfully,

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Maria McFadden Maffucci



October 4, 2018

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Human Life Foundation's 16th Great Defender of Life Dinner. We are pleased to honor Edward Mechmann and David Quinn as our Great Defenders of Life 2018.

Mr. Mechmann is an attorney with the Catholic Archdiocese of New York who has worked tirelessly for many years to advance the pro-life cause. Mr. Quinn is Ireland's best known commentator on religious and social affairs and a stalwart defender of the right to life.

We also offer a tribute this evening to the founder of the *Human Life Review*, James P. McFadden, who died 20 years ago this month. His vision continues to guide the *Review*. We hope that you enjoy this evening's dinner event and the program we have prepared for you.

We are engaged in a long and difficult struggle on behalf of a noble cause. The *Review* plays a vital role in that struggle. We gather together here once a year to renew old friendships, to make new ones, to revivify our commitment to the cause, and most of all to thank each of you. Nothing that we do would be possible without you.

The *Review*'s continued survival is due to your generous support and to the dedication and hard work of the *Review*'s editors, writers, staff, volunteers, and board members—especially Maria McFadden Maffucci, Anne Conlon, Christina Angelopoulos, Patricia O'Brien, Rose Flynn DeMaio, Dana Hendershott, Jack Fowler, Fr. Kazmierz Kowalski, Jane Devanny, and Ida Paz. To all of them, and to all of you, thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

James McLaughlin Chairman of the Board

#### James Patrick McFadden . . .



Malcolm Muggeridge and J.P. McFadden, 1979

James Patrick McFadden (1930-1998) was an editor, publisher, and prominent Roman Catholic layman. He was Associate Publisher at *National Review*, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee in Defense of Life (founded in 1973); President of the Human Life Foundation and editor of the *Human Life Review* (founded in 1974), and Chairman of the National Commitee of Catholic Laymen, which published the newsletter *catholic eye* from 1983-2011. He and his wife Faith Abbott McFadden (1931-2011) brought up five children in New York City.

#### A Remembrance from Michael Uhlmann . . .

Michael Uhlmann is Professor of Government at Claremont Graduate University. This obituary appeared in Crisis Magazine on December 1, 1998.

#### James P. McFadden (1930-1998)

The world lost and Heaven gained a great soul when Jim McFadden died October 17, after a protracted struggle with cancer. Beneath the grit and grumble, James Patrick McFadden was as tender a man as I have ever known. After his Savior and his family, the most conspicuous objects of his affections were unborn children, to whose loving defense he devoted three decades of selfless labor. His capacious soul was composed, in more or less equal parts, of martial courage, Franciscan humility, and irrepressible mirth, all balanced in felicitous harmony. He began and ended his days on his knees, at Mass in the morning and at bedside in the evening. The space between was filled with good conversation, prodigious work, and the pleasurable duty of caring for his adored and adoring family. Warm, witty, and unexcelled in friendship, no one wore better of an evening with cigars and whiskey. And there was no one you would rather have had with you in the foxhole when the enemy came over the top.

The pro-life cause has had many heroes, but none wiser than Jim, whose focused political insight and editorial genius brought disciplined sophistication to a movement that in its infancy consisted largely of well-intended amateurs. He transformed the pedestrian editorial vehicle known as the newsletter into a work of art. Bach at his console in Leipzig found his match in McFadden sitting before the keyboard of his battered Royal upright. Jim's Lifeletter was for many years the marrow of pro-lifers throughout the country. In four pages of pungent observation and mordant wit, delivered every month in inimitable McFaddenesque staccato, Jim directed the order of battle, rallying loyalists and confusing the opposition. Filled with brilliant political analysis and hard-headed tactical advice, Lifeletter became a force to be reckoned with, especially on Capitol Hill, where it was parsed with Talmudic intensity by friend and foe alike. He added strategic weaponry to the pro-life arsenal when he founded the Human Life Review, the distinguished quarterly that has provided a continuing stream of intellectual enlightenment on the intersection of law, morals, and medicine for nearly 25 years. It remains an indispensable compendium of wise and eloquent reflection, a veritable universityin-print.

For most men, such accomplishments would have been enough for a memorably worthy life. But the full flowering of Jim's genius appeared some twenty years ago with the launching of *catholic eye*, the newsletter of the National Committee of Catholic Laymen. Eye was, quite simply, Jim McFadden reembodied in print: at once gingery and philosophical, grave and hilarious, irascible and charitable, grumpy and hopeful, importunate and humble, but informed always by his devotion to the sacraments and his unshakeable faith in the promise of redemption.

It was, on one level, a monthly encyclical to the faithful, teaching them about the depositum fidei and assuring them that it would endure despite the spirit of the age. On another level, it was a detailed syllabus of errors, that, with devastating accuracy and pointed wit, called to task wayward clerics who had stayed too long and drunk too deeply at the Vatican II party. On yet a third, it was Jim's personal lamentation for the passing of the old order within the Church and in the world at large. He could not forgive the mindless trashing of the ancient rituals or the ritual trashing of traditional doctrine by fatuous bishops and effete theologians. He celebrated the papacy of John Paul II as a providential gift to a demoralized Church and prayed fervently that the precepts and example of that great man would inspire a new generation of Catholics to rediscover the truth that had fired Jim's soul and inspired his work.

Jim's last years were difficult and would have broken other men. He began his battle with cancer in 1993, and in the following year lost his beloved son, Robert, to the same dread disease. He was deprived of his ability to swallow and, eventually, his ability to speak. He suffered the indecency of repeated hospitalizations, surgeries, and radiation—and, perhaps even more painfully, the loss of the sociability he treasured and was so good at prompting in others. He endured it all, confident that his Creator had a special purpose in mind, whose mysteries would be revealed in the fullness of time. In the ordeal of his death no less than in the course of his life, Jim did not hesitate to put on Christ. He soldiered through his torment, knowing that the transforming grace of the imitatio Christi would bring the peace and love that surpass all understanding. Jim would scoff at the notion, but what was said by a contemporary of Cardinal Newmann could be said of him too: "There is a saint in that man."



-Michael M. Uhlmann

#### JPM Remembered ...

The Reverend Paul Scalia worked for J.P. McFadden at the Ad Hoc Committee in Defense of Life in the National Press Building in Washington DC, alongside Rebecca Ryskind Teti and the late Robert A. McFadden (1960-1994). Below is an excerpt from a letter he wrote after J.P.'s death in 1998.

#### Dear Faith,

... I often leaf through the Missale Romanum you both gave me for ordination. I may never celebrate the Tridentine Mass (after all, I can count on one hand the times I have attended it!), but I learn so much from dipping into the treasury of Tradition my generation has been denied. It is a fitting way for me to remember Jim, for he gave me such a deep sense of the Tradition and the power it carries. I wish more of my peers could have learned as much as I have in that regard. I will be forever thankful to Jim for opening the vaults of that treasury and allowing me to explore ...

In the summer of 1990, I thought I was going to work for a small, relaxed, prolife office in a conveniently located building in DC. I would be one of thousands hustling to work in the big city, to "make the world a better place"—or at least to look important on the Metro. Instead, I found myself brought into an entirely new way of thinking, a mindset that helped me to discover my vocation and to focus on the priesthood. It is not too much to say that Jim played a crucial role in my vocation to the priesthood. I will be forever grateful for his advice, direction and prayers. And I will show my gratitude by remembering him at the altar.

Addendum: 2018. From an email to Maria Maffucci . . .

... In 2004, I began offering the Tridentine, now "Extraordinary Form," Mass. The first time I did so, I offered it for Jim. It was not "the most beautiful thing this side of heaven" (as Faber put it). But it was licit and valid! Now I offer the Extraordinary Form several times a week. I remain in Jim's debt for my affection for that liturgy.

-Fr. Paul Scalia

### For Jim

# Good Man, Good Cause

#### **Rick Brookhiser**

Love and admire the great work of all you saints at the **Human Life Foundation.** Had some great talks with Jim and still miss him. Wish Ann and I could be at your bash in NYC, but we have to look after Chicago!

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