

# Saint Luke Institute

27th Annual Benefit

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Fostering Healthy Ministers for a Vibrant Church

Presentation of the 2024 Saint Luke Award to Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio

# SAINT LUKE AWARD HONOREE



His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre

"I am grateful to Saint Luke Institute for their excellent work in caring for clergy and religious in need of psychological and spiritual care. Their professional staff are truly part of the healing ministry of Christ. In all of their work, they respond to the needs of the whole person and, in so doing, foster the well-being of those they serve, and of the Church as a whole."

— Cardinal Christophe Pierre

Cardinal Christophe Pierre was born on January 30, 1946, in Rennes, France. He completed his primary education in Antisirabé, Madagascar, and his secondary schooling in Saint-Malo, France, and in Marrakech, Morocco. He attended the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Rennes and the Catholic Institute of Paris and did Military Service from July 1965 to October 1966. Cardinal Pierre was ordained a priest on April 5, 1970, in Saint-Malo, France, and incardinated in the Archdiocese of Rennes. He was Parochial Vicar of the St. Peter and St. Paul Parish in Colombes, Diocese of Nanterre, France (1970-1973).

He obtained a Master's degree in Sacred Theology (Paris, 1971) and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University (Rome, 1977). He completed his studies at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy in Rome (1973-1977) and joined the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See on March 5, 1977. From 1977 to 1995, he served at the Pontifical Representation in New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific Ocean, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Cuba, Brazil, and at the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Appointed Apostolic Nuncio and elected Titular Archbishop of Gunela on July 12, 1995, he received Episcopal Consecration on September 24, 1995, in Saint-Malo, France.

Cardinal Pierre subsequently served as Apostolic Nuncio in Haiti (1995 until 1999), Uganda (1999-2007), and Mexico (2007-2016). On April 12, 2016, Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America. On July 9th, 2023, Pope Francis announced his intention to elevate him to the College of Cardinals. At the Public Consistory of September 30, 2023, he was created Cardinal Deacon of San Benedetto fuori Porta San Paolo. Cardinal Pierre speaks French, English, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole.

# PROGRAM

## OPENING PRAYER

His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

#### **WELCOME**

Rev. Quinn Conners, O.Carm., Ph.D. Interim President and CEO, Saint Luke Institute

# MISSION FOCUS: CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Emily R. Cash, Psy.D. Director, Saint Luke Center

#### PRESENTATION OF The Saint Luke Award

Mrs. Christine Gill Chair, Board of Directors

#### REMARKS

His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre 2024 Saint Luke Award Recipient

#### CLOSING BLESSING

Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

ABOUT THE AWARD: The Saint Luke Award is given annually to someone whose professional life or charitable work embodies the ideals of the Institute: the rebuilding of the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual life of those in need. In undertaking these tasks, the honoree is motivated by the gospel ideals of compassion, charity, and a belief that all persons are brothers and sisters in Christ. The award is bestowed each year on or around the October 18 Feast Day of Saint Luke.

MISSION: We participate in the healing ministry of Christ by promoting the health and well-being of Catholic clergy and women and men religious in the United States and abroad. To accomplish this task, we provide mental health treatment, offer education and wellness programs, and conduct research. In these services, we strive to integrate the highest quality spiritual, psychological and physical resources within the context of a Christian community. The Institute conducts its ministry in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church.



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