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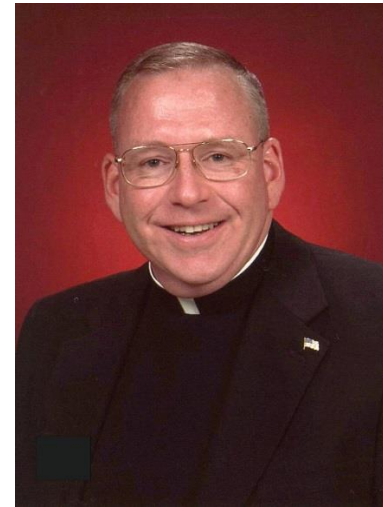
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Honors

Father Kevin P. Cavanaugh



Our 2015 Citizen of the Year

Saturday, September 26, 2015

**Manchester Elks Lodge #1893
30 Bissell St
Manchester, CT 06040**

Thank you for joining Manchester Elks Lodge #1893 as we honor Father Kevin P. Cavanaugh, our 2015 Citizen of the Year. Father Cavanaugh answers to two titles: Father (of course) – he is Pastor of Saint James Church and Saint James School – and Colonel, his rank as State Chaplain of the Connecticut National Guard.

Born and raised in Hartford, Father Cavanaugh was ordained to the Roman Catholic Priesthood in 1986. He was first assigned to Sacred Heart Church in Suffield, where he also served as chaplain of the Suffield Fire and Emergency Services Department. Subsequently, at the request of the Archbishop for the Military Services of the United States during the buildup to Desert Storm, Father Cavanaugh was granted permission to serve as a United States Army Chaplain. In December 1990 he was commissioned a First Lieutenant.

He was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division, where he served as Assistant Division Artillery Chaplain, Battalion Chaplain First Battalion, 87th Infantry and 2nd Brigade Chaplain. He participated in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia and in Operation Andrew in Florida, and in 1995 was assigned to serve in Haiti as the Aviation Task Force Chaplain. In 1996 he was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado, as the Community Chaplain, serving as pastor of the entire Catholic congregation of 5,000 active duty soldiers and 28,000 family members and retirees. He was also project officer for a \$1.7 million reconstruction of the arson-damaged Main Post Chapel.

After nine years of active duty Father Cavanaugh returned to the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2000, and was assigned to Saint Augustine Church in South Glastonbury. Saint Augustine and Glastonbury's Saint Paul were linked a year later and he was named Pastor of both parishes. In October 2007 he was assigned to Saint James Church in Manchester, where he remains as pastor. (He also served as pastor of Assumption Church from 2009 through 2013 when those churches were linked.)

Immediately upon his separation from active Army duty in 2000, Father Cavanaugh became a member of the Connecticut National Guard, serving as Chaplain of the 242nd Engineer Battalion and later the 85th Troop Command. Named State Chaplain in 2003, Father Cavanaugh was promoted to Captain 1991, to Major 1999, to Lieutenant Colonel 2004, and to Colonel 2008. He has received 17 military awards and decorations including, most recently, the Meritorious Service Medal. In 1999 he was named U.S. Army Chaplain of the Year by the Military Chaplain Association.

It is our great honor to recognize Father Kevin P. Cavanaugh, who has done so much for us here in Manchester and for our country, which he so proudly continues to serve.

Program

Emcee – Brig. Gen. Nathan Agostinelli, (Ret.)

Pledge of Allegiance- All
National Anthem – Dennis Nevin

Welcome – Exalted Ruler Lorin Falvo
Gerry Gallo, Past Exalted Ruler

Grace – Father Burns

Dinner

Testimonials

Father Thomas J. Cieslikowski II
Father Brian J. Converse
Father Michael A. Carlson

Presentations

Mayor Jay Moran, Town of Manchester
Connecticut State Representative, Mark Tweedie
Gerry Gallo, Citizen of the Year
Lifetime Achievement Award

Personal Comments

Tim Devanney
Charles Crocini
Loren Andreo

Acknowledgements

Chris Malone

America the Beautiful – Dennis Nevin

