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Dear Pastors,

Each new season brings new beginnings. As we enjoy the waning days of summer we look to the fall and the hope that it brings to our hearts.

Here at the Archdiocese, we know that fall means *The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner*. On October 20, 2022, at Park Avenue Armory, we will gather to celebrate “Seven Decades and Seven Years of Hope.”

This year, we are delighted that Peggy Noonan, Pulitzer-prize winning journalist for The Wall Street Journal will be our keynote speaker. Peter T. Grauer, Chairman of Bloomberg LLP will receive the Happy Warrior Award and Rosanna Scotto of FOX will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The *Dinner* is a unique event where distinguished guests and luminous dignitaries step from the world stage to honor and entertain with their light humor and political savvy. For one night, the aisle is gone, defenses are down, and we celebrate our shared humanity.

Most importantly, the *Dinner* brings hope to New York’s most vulnerable children and families. The *Foundation* grants millions of dollars to organizations offering education, health, family support, social services, and other vital assistance. Beyond the *Dinner* and throughout the year, we work in partnership with these grantee organizations, ensuring that together, we help those who most need our help.

Our namesake, the original Happy Warrior and first Roman Catholic presidential candidate, Al Smith, would be delighted that we continue to honor not only his unique role in history but also the causes he held dear in the city he loved.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions (Kathleen.McGowan@archny.org or 646.794.2294). I would be delighted to catch up with you and share more about the *Foundation* and *Dinner*.

Thank you again for all that you do. May the spirit of hope that is Al Smith’s legacy bring you a peaceful fall.

All my best,
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