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The 25th Anniversary of the Carl J. Peter Lecture Series

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The Pontifical North American College is pleased to announce that the speaker for the Carl J. Peter Lecture 2024 will be **Ms. Peggy Noonan**. Msgr. Thomas Powers, Rector of the Pontifical North American College, said he is very excited to welcome such an illustrious speaker to the Carl J. Peter Lecture Series. He is very grateful to Rev. Peter John Cameron, O.P., who currently holds the Carl J. Peter Chair and who is coordinating the Lecture, which will take place on **Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** at the College.

Ms. Noonan is a celebrated and well-respected columnist for the *Wall Street Journal*, where her weekly column, "Declarations," has run since 2000. In 2017 Ms. Noonan won the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished Commentary. She has authored nine books on American politics, history and culture, including her bestsellers, *What I Saw at the Revolution*, *When Character Was King*, *John Paul the Great*, and *Simply Speaking*. Ms. Noonan is one of only ten historians and writers who have been invited to contribute essays on the American presidency for the book, *Character Above All*.

Ms. Noonan was a special assistant and speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan. In 2010 she was given the Award for Media Excellence by the living recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. She has been a senior fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and has taught at Yale University. Ms. Noonan was a producer and writer at CBS News in New York and an adjunct professor of Journalism at New York University.

Ms. Noonan was born in Brooklyn, New York and grew up on Long Island and New Jersey. She is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University. She currently lives in New York City, where she attends St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

History of the Carl J. Peter Lecture Series

Fr. Carl J. Peter of the Archdiocese of Omaha and professor at the Catholic University of America was a noted theologian, teacher and preacher. To honor his memory the Peter family established the Fr. Carl J. Peter Chair of Homiletics at the Pontifical North American College. Thanks to the generous gift from the family of the late Father Carl J. Peter, devoted alumnus, past faculty member, and from the alumni of the College, the seminary provides an intensive program of seminars, workshops, and courses in homiletics, and the occupant of the Carl J. Peter Chair who coordinates the entire program, especially the required preaching *practica* in Second, Third, and Fourth Years. The Chair also offers an annual lecture to promote the art of preaching and to remember Fr. Carl J. Peter.

The Pontifical North American College serves as the American seminary in Rome. Founded in 1859 by Blessed Pius IX, the College has formed over 5000 priests near the heart of the Church for service in dioceses around the United States and Australia. The College strengthens the bonds between Rome and local Churches worldwide, and it allows its students a first-hand encounter of the Church's rich religious and cultural heritage.

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