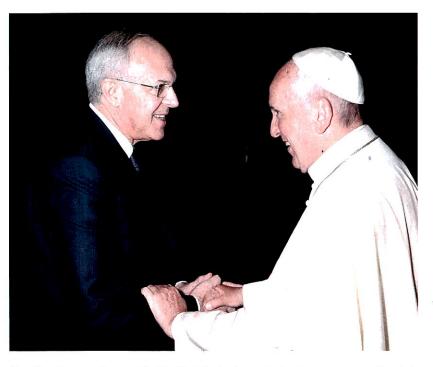


## Pope Francis Greets Supreme Knight, Addresses Pontifical Council

ADDRESSING THE Pontifical Council for the Laity's 28th plenary assembly in Rome June 17, Pope Francis said, "We need lay people who are formed well, animated by a clear and sincere faith, whose lives have been touched by a personal and merciful encounter with the love of Jesus Christ."

The pope personally greeted participants, including Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who has served on the Pontifical Council for the Laity since his appointment by Pope John Paul II in 2002. Anderson's appointment was renewed by Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis appointed him to an additional term in 2014.

During the plenary assembly, the supreme knight and other council members discussed the history and accomplishments of the Pontifical Council for the Laity as well as the mission for the new dicastery for laity, family and life.



Pope Francis greets Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson during the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome June 17.

## Supreme Director Graydon Nicholas Named to Order of Canada

SUPREME DIRECTOR Graydon Nicholas was appointed to the Order of Canada June 30 by Governor General David Johnston. Nicholas received Canada's highest civilian honor, established in 1967 by Queen Elizabeth II to recognize outstanding achievement,



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dedication to the community and service to the nation.

Nicholas, who numbered among the 113 new appointees announced just before Canada Day, served as the first aboriginal lieutenant governor of New Brunswick 2009-2014. He holds advanced degrees in law and social work. The office of the governor general cited Nicholas' "contributions to the people of New Brunswick as a lawyer, judge, lieutenant governor and indigenous leader." .

Nicholas, a member of Bishop Dollard Council 1942 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, has served on the Order's Board of Directors since 2015.

## Knights Pray Novena for National Healing



FOLLOWING A WEEK of violence across the United States, the Supreme Council called for a novena of prayer to heal the wounds and divisions afflicting the nation. Knights, their families and all people of good will were encouraged to join in nine days of prayer July 14-22 by praying St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer for Peace.

"The violent episodes of the past week have shocked the conscience of our country," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "Through this prayer, each of us has the opportunity to help transcend hatred and violence by personally committing to the concepts of love of neighbor, peace and forgiveness that are central to an authentic embrace of Christianity."

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore also urged people to join this prayer campaign: "During this Year of Mercy, let us pray for an end to violence and senseless killings. Through our prayers and good works, may we help build a society that is merciful, just, and peaceful."

