

Biography

WILLIAM J. FLYNN

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Mr. Flynn attended Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY, and received his M.A. in Economics from Fordham University in New York. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Flynn is the Chairman of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. In addition, he is a Trustee of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center and is a member of the Board of Nassau County Crime Stoppers. He is a member of The Forum Club, the Racquet and Tennis Club and The University Club.

Mr. Flynn is former Chairman of the Board of The Life Insurance Council of New York and former Chairman of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, The Ireland Chamber of Commerce in the United States and St. Vincent's Services. He is also former President of the Board of the New York Foundling Hospital and Flax Trust America and former Board member of The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, The American Irish Legal Research and Education Foundation, The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, the U.S. Army War College Board of Visitors, the Ireland America Economic Advisory Board to the Taoiseach, Boston University, The Catholic Health Association of the United States, The Catholic University of America Board of Regents, College Construction Loan Insurance Association, The College of Insurance, The College of New Rochelle, College Misericordia, Co-operation Ireland, Covenant House, Fordham University, Laboure Junior College, Medical Information Bureau, Mercy Health Foundation, New York Backstretch Employees Pension Trust, New York City Partnership, New York Medical College's Board of Visitors, The Partnership Umbrella, Inc. and the Advisory Committee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Mr. Flynn is also a former member of the Board of the Police Athletic League, Pope John XXIII Center Medical-Moral Research and Education Center, Richmond Hill Savings Bank, The Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, The Royal Society of Medicine Foundation, Inc., St. Francis Hospital, St. Michael's College, St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York, United States Catholic Historical Society, The United Student Aid Funds, United Way International, Very Special Arts and The Williamsburg Charter Foundation.

Mr. Flynn has received Honorary Doctorates from St. John's University (1989), The University of Detroit Mercy (1991), The College of Mount Saint Vincent (1995), The College of New

Rochelle (1995), College Misericordia (1996), Sacred Heart University (1996) and Richard Stockton College of New Jersey (1998).

In 1980, Mr. Flynn received Brandeis University's Distinguished Community Service Award, and in 1983 he was the recipient of the Ubi Caritas Deus Ibi Award, the highest honor of Catholic Charities. Mr. Flynn received the United Way of America's National Professional Leadership Award and The National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award in 1984. In 1985, The United Way of Bergen County presented Mr. Flynn with its Distinguished Service Award, and in 1986, he received the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service Man of the Year Award. Mr. Flynn was honored by the College of New Rochelle and received The New York Foundling Hospital's Elizabeth Ann Seton Humanitarian Award in 1988. In the same year, he received The Israel 40th Anniversary Medal from the State of Israel and Catholic Charities Bishop's Humanitarian Award, Diocese of Brooklyn. In 1989, Mr. Flynn received the St. Mary's Foundation for Children's Henry K.S. Williams Humanitarian Award.

In 1991, Mr. Flynn received the American Cancer Society's Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. Memorial Award and the Life Services for the Handicapped National Leadership Award. Mr. Flynn received ENCORE Community Service's Heart to Heart Award, and The Favorite Son Award from The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on Long Island in 1992. In the same year, he received The National Council on the Aging's Distinguished Achievement Award. He was also honored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and received St. Patrick's College Maynooth's Man of the Year award in 1992. Mr. Flynn was the recipient of the 1993 Calvary Hospital Medal, The Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Lewis & Clark Fellow Award. In the Fall of 1993, he was awarded The Elizabeth Ann Seton Award of the National Catholic Education Association. He was also honored by The Flax Trust and by The Fordham Club of Long Island.

Early in 1994, he was honored by the Life Insurance Council of New York as the most outstanding CEO of the life insurance industry in the past twenty-five years. In March of 1994, Mr. Flynn was selected Irish American of the Year by Irish America Magazine and in May was honored by the American Ireland Fund. Also in 1994, he received The Sister Cecilia Schneider Award from The New York Foundling Hospital and was the inaugural recipient of The Human Rights and Business Award of The International League for Human Rights. He received The Federal Law Enforcement Foundation Community Leadership Award, and in November 1994, Prime Minister of Ireland, Albert Reynolds recognized Mr. Flynn's contributions to the Northern Ireland peace process at a Tribute Dinner in his honor.

Mr. Flynn received The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn's Man of the Year Award and The Ambassador Award from The Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee of Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1995. In the fall of 1995, Mr. Flynn received The Sisters of Saint Dominic's Veritas Award, The Outstanding Achievement Award from The Ireland United States Council and The Insurance Federation of New York's Free Enterprise Award. In March of 1996, Mr. Flynn was the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He also received The All-American Collegiate Golf Foundation's Man of the Year Award.

In the spring of 1997, Mr. Flynn was the inaugural recipient of The National Committee on American Foreign Policy's Initiative for Peace Award. He was honored by Iona College and received The New York City Chapter of the Association of the United States Army's Distinguished Service Award. In the fall of 1997, Mr. Flynn was honored by The Irish American Society of Nassau-Suffolk & Queens, Inc.

In early 1998, Mr. Flynn received The Club of Champions Gold Medal Award from The Catholic Youth Organization. In October 1998, Mr. Flynn was honored by The Ancient Order of Hibernians with The Man of the Year Award.

In November of 1999, Mr. Flynn was selected by Irish America Magazine as one of The Greatest Irish-Americans of the Century. Mr. Flynn was among the honorees at the December 1999 Peace Links gala in Washington, DC for his help to broker peace in Ireland. In March 2000, Mr. Flynn and Cardinal O'Connor were the first recipients of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Medals. A year later, he was the Grand Marshal of the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Early in 2001, Mr. Flynn received The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the Department of the Army for extraordinary service as an expert consultant on the U.S. Army War College Board of Visitors. In May, he received St. Clare's Hospital and Health Center's Helen Hayes Award which acknowledges professional and personal accomplishments and contributions to the quality of life. Soon after, The United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania dedicated the "William J. Flynn Room" as the location for the General Omar N. Bradley Chair of Strategic Leadership. In the fall of 2001, Mr. Flynn was honored with the Man of the Year Award by the Physically Challenged Irish and American Youth Team. A year later, he was awarded the Benjamin Rush Award for Humanistic Values in Corporate and Government Life by Dickinson College.

As part of its "Irish Celebration" in March of 2003, Mr. Flynn was honored by The National Museum of Catholic Art and History for his tireless efforts to bring peace to Ireland. Later that month, he was awarded the John F. Kennedy National Achievement Award by the St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke, Massachusetts. In making the announcement, the President of the St. Patrick's Committee said, "William Flynn, by far, surpasses any criteria that may be set as a measurement for success in a person's professional or personal life. Mr. Flynn has succeeded in business while demonstrating a continued commitment to human rights issues, not just in Ireland, but around the world."

In March 2005, Mr. Flynn received the Humanitarian All-Star award from the Police Athletic League. The following month, he was honored by Irish Connections Magazine. In May, the St. Aloysius School of Central Harlem, a transformative model for inner-city education, honored Mr. Flynn at its Annual Scholarship Benefit. In September, the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding presented Mr. Flynn with a Special Peacemaker in Action Award "for a lifetime devoted to conflict resolution." In October 2007, Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs Dermot Ahern praised Mr. Flynn's tireless work over the years in fostering peace and

reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Minister Ahern presented Mr. Flynn with a photograph of the Farmleigh handshake, inscribed by the Prime Minister of Ireland Bertie Ahern and Dr. Ian Paisley, for tireless work over the years in fostering peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

In April 2008, Mr. Flynn was honored by The Brehon Law Society and The Emerald Isle Immigration Center with a Commendation from William C. Thompson, Jr., Comptroller of the City of New York. In February 2009, he was honored by The Irish American Republicans organization.

Mr. Flynn has been awarded an honorary CBE (Commander of the British Empire) by Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of his exceptional contribution to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. He will receive his award at an investiture ceremony in Washington, DC in June 2009.

Mr. Flynn was with The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States from 1953 to 1971 where he was Vice President, Group Operations. In 1971, he joined Mutual of America as President. In 1972 he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer and in February 1982, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. He served as Chairman of the Board from 1982 until his retirement in May 2005 when he was named Chairman Emeritus. He and his wife Peg have four children (Maureen, William, James and Robert (now deceased)) and eleven grandchildren.