



Past Recipients of The Prize for Humanity

1999

Amy Biehl, American Fulbright Scholar who gave her life in 1989 in the struggle against Apartheid in South Africa.

Charles W. David, African American Coast Guardsman who gave his life in 1943 to rescue others from the sinking troopship *Dorchester*.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Who risked his life daily to free all South Africans and oppressed people of many nations.

2000

Paul Rusesabagina, A member of the majority Hutu in Rwanda, he risked all to save 1,000 of the minority Tutsi in the genocide of 1994.

Chiune Sugihara, Consul-General for Japan in Lithuania in 1940 who defied orders and wrote 6,000 visas for Jews escaping (Nazi) extermination.

2001

Pastor Martin Niemoeller, German minister who defied Hitler face to face for persecuting Jews and others. He was imprisoned for 7 years.

Hugh C. Thompson, Jr., U.S. helicopter pilot in Vietnam, who on March 16, 1968, halted the further massacre of Vietnamese civilians at My Lai.

2002

Omri Al Jadah, Palestinian man known for his compassion to all, who gave his life to save a drowning Jewish child in August 2000.

Father Michael Judge, Chaplain of the NYC Fire Dept., who refused on 9/11 to leave praying over a dying fireman at the World Trade Center.

2003

Service Volunteers of World War II: Elizabeth Wall Strohfus - representing the Women Service Volunteers of WWII;

Henry C. Scholberg - representing the Non-combatant Service Volunteers; **Tom Oye** - representing Combat Service Volunteers of WWII

Villagers of the Region Le Chambon-Sur Lignon, France - Using "weapons of the spirit", the villagers defied the Nazi occupation by sheltering 5,000 refugees (mostly Jewish) and preventing their deportation and extermination from 1940-1945.

The Prize for Humanity Nominating Committee

Kevin Applequist (U.S.)

Hon. Dr. Hanan Ashrawi (Palestine)

Linda Biehl (U.S.)

Ambassador Hon. Robert Flaten (U.S.)

David Fox (U.S.)

Dr. Jane Goodall (England)

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Rabbi James Rudin (U.S.)

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Alexander Goode Fried (U.S.)

Björn Spaude (Germany)

John H. Swon III (U.S.)

Archbishop Desmond Tutu (S. Africa)

Ardis Wexler (U.S.)

Ambassador Hon. Shunji Yanai (Japan)

Our Expression of Thanks

Special thanks to our Hosts for this 2004 event, the World War II Veterans Committee and their Executive Director, Jim Roberts; to Babs Koch for her unflinching support of this foundation; to Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, for housing us so generously; and to our friends and donors who believe our vision of "Perpetuating the legacy of the four Immortal Chaplains' whose example of love for others without regard to race, religion or creed, acknowledges the potential for human compassion."

—The Immortal Chaplains Foundation

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The Immortal Chaplains Prize for Humanity

*Honoring those who risked all to protect others
of a different faith or ethnic origin...*

27 May 2004, 6 p.m.



Hyatt Regency Capitol
Washington D.C.

The 2004 Prize for Humanity

Honorees

Father Joseph O'Callahan was the first military Chaplain to receive the Medal of Honor since the Civil War. His aircraft carrier, the *USS Franklin*, was hit by two Japanese bombs on March 19, 1945. Father O'Callahan distinguished himself over a three-day period by saving and caring for injured and burned men, and providing spiritual solace for the dying. He also organized damage control parties and personally helped jettison live shells and ammunition saving many lives and the ship itself.

Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn was Chaplain assigned to the 5th Marine division during the battle of Iwo Jima in February and March 1945. Rabbi Gittelsohn, the first Jewish chaplain assigned to the Marine Corps, was in the thick of the fray, ministering to men of all faiths wherever he was needed. He received three service awards for his conduct under fire, and his moving eulogy for the dedication of the U.S. Marine's cemetery on Iwo Jima has become a national prayer of compassion for the dead of all faiths.

A Litany of Remembrance

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
we remember them.
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring
we remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.
In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.
So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.

—by Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn (1910-1995)

The Immortal Chaplains

The deeds of four U.S. Army Chaplains – Lt. George Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander Goode (Jewish), Lt. Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed), Lt. John Washington (Catholic) and the 672 brave men who perished with them inspire this Prize for Humanity.

*In the darkness of February 3, 1943, the U.S. Army Troopship *Dorchester*, in convoy with three Coast Guard cutters and two freighters, was torpedoed about 100 miles off Greenland and sank approximately 18 minutes later. In that brief time, the four Chaplains calmed the men, distributed life jackets and helped some 230 safely depart the ship. When the life jackets ran out, witnesses observed the Chaplains remove their own, and without concern for race or religion, place them on waiting men. The Chaplains then gathered the remaining men on deck to pray and sing. As the ship rolled and plunged into the icy sea, the four Chaplains were seen standing on the hull, arms linked in common prayer.*

Their lives and their legacy are immortal and challenge us: "If they can die together, can't we live together?"

The Sixth Annual Presentation of

The Prize for Humanity

Host: World War II Veterans Committee

Welcome Jim Roberts, Executive Director, World War II Veterans Committee

David Fox, Executive Director Immortal Chaplains Foundation

Invocation US Navy Chaplain Imam Abuhena Saiful-Islam

The Television Documentary, "Faith and Glory: The True Story of the Four Chaplains", is a presentation of *Faith & Values Media* and is scheduled to air on *The Hallmark Channel* in the upcoming season. It was Directed by James Moll and Produced by Christopher Pavick of *Allentown Productions*. Executive producers are Edward J. Murray, William Spencer Reilly and Jeffrey C. Weber for *Faith & Values Media* and Richard C. Berman and Brian K. Schlichter of *Lancaster Gate Productions*. Introduced by Jeff Weber, President & CEO of *Lightworks Producing Group*.

The 2004 Immortal Chaplains Prize for Humanity

Song "George, Alexander, Clark & John" written and sung by Ed Anderson

Keynote Presenter of Honor

2004 Prize for Humanity Honorees – Presented by Chaplains' Families and Dorchester Survivors

Judge Barry Sax, Chair of the Immortal Chaplains Foundation

Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn – Donna & Daniel Gittelsohn receiving

Fr Joseph O'Callahan – Jay O'Callahan receiving

Representatives of the Pentagon – for permanent placement in the Memorial Chapel

The Biography, "No Greater Glory— The Four Immortal Chaplains and the Sinking of the *Dorchester* in World War II" by Dan Kurzman was researched and written by this award-winning writer and published by *Random House*. Mr. Kurzman is a former foreign correspondent for *The Washington Post* and has written 15 previous books including "*Fatal Voyage: The sinking of the USS *Indianapolis**". This new book has been selected for four Book Club editions.

Benediction US Army Chaplain Eric Wester – Office of the Chief of Chaplains

Thank you Marlene Solomon – Associate Director of The Immortal Chaplains Foundation

Reception and Book Signing