

**FROM: THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

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**CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE TO HONOR THE VERY REVEREND  
DR. JAMES A. KOWALSKI, DEAN, AT SPIRIT OF THE CITY CELEBRATION**

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*Thirty-Sixth Spirit of the City Gala Celebrates New York City and the People Who Embody  
its Spirit*

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine will host the thirty-sixth annual Spirit of the City Gala, celebrating the tenure of the Very Reverend Dr. James A. Kowalski, on **Monday, May 22, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112<sup>th</sup> Street), Manhattan.**

This year's Spirit of the City celebration honors The Very Reverend Dr. James A. Kowalski, Dean, for his invaluable role in stabilizing and sustaining the ongoing spiritual, cultural, civic, and architectural legacy of this great New York City landmark during his 15-year tenure.

The evening will include a performance by the Duke Ellington Legacy, a 9-piece group featuring Duke Ellington's first-born grandson and namesake, Edward Kennedy Ellington II, guitar; Norman Simmons, piano & chief arranger, Nancy Reed, vocalist; and Virginia Mayhew, tenor saxophonist/arranger. One of Ellington's pianos, a white baby grand, will be a featured instrument in this performance.

Spirit of the City was conceived in the 1970s to celebrate New York City and the people who embody its spirit when it was facing tremendous economic and social challenges. Past honorees include Felix Rohatyn, Mario Cuomo, Michael Bloomberg, Judy Collins, and heroic 9/11 rescuers.

Proceeds from the evening fund the Cathedral's outreach programs, civic forums, and liturgical and cultural events, and the care and maintenance of the Cathedral itself.

**DATE: Monday, May 22**

**TIME: 6:30 – 9:30 PM**

**PLACE: Cathedral of St. John the Divine  
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