

**St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary
Honorary Degree Citation**

The Very Rev. Dr Patrick Henry Reardon

Pastor, author, theologian—Fr Patrick, your lifelong ministry of writing, teaching, and preaching along with your tireless commitment to building up the Body of Christ, embody St Paul's exhortation to "attend to the ... reading of Scripture, to preaching, [and] to teaching" (1 Tim 4.13).

As a student you completed studies at the at Pontifical Atheneum of St Anselm (Rome) and the Pontifical Biblical Institute (Rome), and continued your doctoral studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. As a theologian you taught at Bellarmine College (Louisville, KY), Nashotah House Theological Seminary (Nashotah, WI), Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry (Ambridge, PA), Chatham College (Pittsburgh, PA), and Community College of Allegheny County (Pittsburgh, PA).

As a pastor you began your ministry in the Episcopal Church, where you served several parishes before being received into the Orthodox Church in 1988. Following studies at St Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, you were ordained to the priesthood in 1992, and then served as pastor of St Anthony Orthodox Church in Butler, PA from 1992 to 1998. In 2008 you were elevated as archpriest of the Antiochian Orthodox Church while serving as pastor of All Saints Orthodox Church, in Chicago, IL, serving there from 1998 until your retirement in 2020.

As a leading voice for Orthodox Christianity, you have given numerous conference presentations and retreats in the U.S. and Europe, and you have written over a thousand articles, editorials, and reviews over the past forty-plus years in journals such as *Church History*, *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *Scottish Journal of Theology*, and our own *St Vladimir's Theological Quarterly*. As a senior editor of *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity* since 1992, you have written the regular biblical commentary column "As It Is Written" for more than twenty-five years. And since 1996 you have served as the editor of the quarterly *St James Daily Devotional Guide*. As a prolific and well-loved author of many books—including *Romans: An Orthodox Commentary*, and *Revelation: A Liturgical Prophecy*, published by our own St Vladimir's Seminary Press—you have inspired countless readers, leading them to an ever-deepening faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore, in thanksgiving to God for your pastoral ministry in the Orthodox Church, and in gratitude for your witness to Orthodox Christianity through a lifetime of teaching and writing, it is the distinct honor and privilege of the board of

trustees and the faculty of St Vladimir's Seminary, by unanimous decision and by the power vested in them by the Board of Regents of the State of New York, to bestow upon you, The Very Rev. Dr Patrick Henry Reardon, Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.