

David Mueckl, the CAO of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and a 1978 graduate of St. John Vianney High School recently received a special high honor from Pope Benedict XVI. Mueckl was named a Knight Commander with Star of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great.

The honor is awarded to Catholic men and women in recognition of “unusual labors, support of the Holy See, and the good example set in their communities and country.” Mueckl is among only a handful of Americans to receive this honor and the only one in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Mueckl, who has served as the Archdiocese’s Chief Administrative Officer for two and a half years, has also served the Church at the Vatican level. From 2003 to 2006, he was a consultant to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, and from 2006 to 2009, Mueckl served as consultant to the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See.

The Order Of St. Gregory the Great was created in 1831 by Pope Gregory XVI and is one of five orders of knighthood in the Catholic Church. Other well-known members of the order include **Bob Hope** and **Eunice Kennedy Shriver**.