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Dear Mike,

Enclosed you will find my nomination of George Weigel for the 2015 Bradley Prize.

Mike, given what I know about the previous Bradley Prize recipients, and I know most of them, George Weigel ranks right up there for his accomplishments, and particularly for his recent accomplishments.

I've known Weigel now for seventeen years, and he is one of the most principled and persuasive conservative intellectuals I have ever met. Since 1987 he has produced more than twenty books, including a two-volume biography of Pope John Paul II (Witness to Hope and The End and the Beginning) that is regarded as a classic. His other books, translated into many languages, touch on everything from just war theory and political science to theology and history. He's also written widely and cleverly on literature and sports, the media and public affairs. (As a young man, he even did some baseball writing for the Seattle Weekly!) Over the past year and a half, no one has done more to keep the cause of freedom in Ukraine alive in American minds than George Weigel, through more than thirty articles in a variety of publications.


One other thing that I want to say to you, Mike, which would not appear in the nomination packet, is that George is also a man of rare courage and conviction. When I was besieged in 2003 by the Pope and most of the European countries and their press, because of their opposition to our plans to enforce international norms by deposing Saddam Hussein, I called for reinforcements, and I called Michael Novak and George Weigel. Both of them had the best relationships, or as they say in Rome, "access to the papal apartment," of any Americans that I knew. George worked "back channel" with, among others, the Pope's private secretary in a most helpful way, and did an enormous amount of writing in support of President Bush's decision, laying out the moral case for what we were doing. He was willing to risk strains on a very unique relationship with a special friend and world figure, Pope John Paul II, but he did what he believed was right and it had a real impact on assembling the coalition that supported U.S. policy.

This is a uniquely gifted and accomplished American, who has been nominated for the Bradley Prize on many occasions by many people, and I hope you will give him serious consideration this year.

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Thank you, old friend.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nicholson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Terry Considine



2015 BRADLEY PRIZES

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- ☐ Family Values
- ☒ Foreign Affairs
- ☒ Human Rights
- ☒ Journalism
- ☐ Law
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- ☐ Social Security Reform
- ☐ Tax Reform
- ☐ Welfare Reform

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REFERENCES: Each nomination must be accompanied by two references able to speak on behalf of the nominee's credentials and background, if necessary. Please provide contact information here.

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GEORGE WEIGEL BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, is a Catholic theologian and one of America's leading public intellectuals. He holds EPPC's William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies.

From 1989 through June 1996, Mr. Weigel was president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, where he led a wide-ranging, ecumenical and inter-religious program of research and publication on foreign and domestic policy issues. From June 1996, as a Senior Fellow, Mr. Weigel prepared a major study of the life, thought, and action of Pope John Paul II. *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II* was published to international acclaim in the fall of 1999, and has since been translated into twelve languages, with a Chinese edition currently in progress.

Mr. Weigel is the author or editor of some twenty other books, including *The End and the Beginning: Pope John Paul II—The Victory of Freedom, the Last Years, the Legacy* (Doubleday, 2010); *Practicing Catholic: Essays Historical, Literary, Sporting, and Elegiac* (Crossroad, 2012); *Evangelical Catholicism: Deep Reform in the 21st-Century Church* (Basic, 2013) and *Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches* (Basic, 2013). His essays, op-ed columns, and reviews appear regularly in major opinion journals and newspapers across the United States. A frequent guest on television and radio, he is also Vatican analyst for NBC News. His weekly column, "The Catholic Difference," is syndicated to sixty newspapers.

Mr. Weigel received a B.A. from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore and an M.A. from the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. He is the recipient of eighteen honorary doctorates in fields including divinity, philosophy, law, and social science.