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## Gutenberg Award Winner Announced Award dinner on October 12



Chicago's Cardinal Blase Cupich

This year's honoree will be His Eminence Blase Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago. Cardinal Cupich will be the third Catholic prelate from Chicago to win the award, having been preceded by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin in 1983 and Francis Cardinal George in 1998. Additionally,

On October 12, 2017 Chicago Bible Society will hold the 63rd annual Gutenberg Awards Ceremony.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen of New York received the award in 1974.

Cardinal Cupich will be honored at a dinner that will be held at the University Club of Chicago, at the corner of Monroe Street and Michigan Avenue, on the evening of October 12. The event will begin with a reception at 6:15, followed by the dinner and award ceremony.

The cost of a ticket is \$225.00, with the proceeds going to support the ministry of Chicago Bible Society. For information about the dinner and to purchase tickets, please go to our website at **ChicagoBibleSociety.org/Gutenberg**.

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## TV Special on Chicago Bible Society



Lydia Talbot, host of *Sanctuary*

Watch or Set Your DVR for *Sanctuary*, Sundays, September 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Noon on ABC-7.2

The September edition of *Sanctuary* will feature the history and work of the Chicago Bible Society. Founded in 1840, it is the oldest civic agency in Chicago, and a beacon of hope that changes lives of inmates in jails, prisons and juvenile detention centers. Stories profiled are: By the Hand After School Kids Club, Project Phillip Chaplains Prison Ministry training for inmates, and Kolbe House Jail Ministry for men and women. Shot on location by Tim Frakes Productions.

The Live Well Network is on the following channels: Charter: 608, 968; Comcast: IL-193, 217, 244, 345; RCN: 618 and others.

## Gutenberg Award (continued from page 1)



Guests celebrate at last year's Gutenberg Award Dinner (photo A. Askew)

Chicago Bible Society has for 63 years honored leaders in the Christian community, crossing denominational lines to honor Protestant, Eastern Orthodox and Catholic persons of faith whose work has promoted the understanding of the Bible. Other award winners include Billy Graham (1962), Dr. John Buchanan (1999), Metropolitan Iakovos (2000), and Dr. Erwin Lutzer (2007).

Blase Joseph Cupich was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Omaha on August 16, 1975. He

served as Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota, and later was appointed the sixth Bishop of Spokane, Washington.

On September 20, 2014 he was appointed the ninth Archbishop of Chicago and was made a Cardinal in 2016. Cardinal Cupich received his Licentiate of Sacred Theology degree in Sacramental Theology 1979 from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He also holds a Doctor of Sacred Theology degree, also in Sacramental Theology, from the Catholic University of America, awarded in 1987. Additionally, Cardinal Cupich was the Secretary at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C., and was appointed by Pope Francis to the Congregation for Bishops in 2016. Cardinal Cupich both presently and in the past has served on numerous boards and committees, and he is also Chancellor of the University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois.

The award dinner is changing location this year. We have moved from the Union League Club and will be holding this year's award dinner at University Club in downtown Chicago.

## From the Executive Director's Desk

It is not often that we are on television. Yet this month of September, Chicago Bible Society will be featured on *Sanctuary*. The program will highlight our history and our current work, featuring three of our partnerships: Youth Collision, a program of older children and youth; By the Hand Club for Kids, a tutoring program for young children in disadvantaged neighborhoods; and our wide-ranging work with chaplains at Cook County Jail. The program will run on all Sundays in September at noon on the Live Well Network. The best way to find it is by googling "Live Well Network Chicago."

Dr. Martin Marty and Dr. Larry Eskridge of Wheaton College are featured in the program. Both are historians and experts on the bible society movement of the 19th and 20th century. The role of Chicago Bible Society has changed as the needs of the metropolitan area have evolved. According to Dr. Marty, bible societies are unique in their ecumenical nature and in their long history of providing bibles to many different Christian traditions. Bible societies, because of their wide footprint, continue to have a vital role by creating networks among various ministries that would not otherwise be connected.



## Chicago Bible Society At A Glance

### Where we have been

- 1840 - Founded in Chicago.
- 1871 - Provided Bibles to the city after the Great Fire.
- 1876 - Chicago Bible Work with Dwight Moody
- 1892 - Chicago Bible House with Emma Dryer
- 1952 - Gutenberg Award established

### What we are doing

- 1,296 jail inmates enrolled in small group Bible study
- 235 inner-city school children learn to read using the Bible
- 39 churches & ministries in partnership to reach their community with the Bible
- 7,816 Scripture resources provided to jails, hospitals, schools and churches this year