

Giving Thanks for Our Freedom

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate America's 250th birthday, it's a great opportunity to pause and count our blessings.



And for those who savor historical references – the celebrated Charles Carroll of Carrollton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was not the only noteworthy Catholic patriot.

For example, Commodore John Barry, who is famously known as the “Father of the American Navy,” came from Ireland and was a Catholic Church parishioner in Philadelphia. Barry captured more than 20 British ships and is remembered for his bravery.

In addition, Casimir Pulaski, born in Warsaw, and known as the “Father of the American Calvary,” was Catholic. He became a general in the Continental Army and is commemorated in Illinois each year on the first Monday of March.

Let us all pray for God's blessings on our country.

The Communications Team

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