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# The Comboni Missionaries

49th Annual Dinner Dance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

## Honoring Umberto “Tony” Turano

Tony Turano is a supremely successful businessman who has never forgotten his roots.

He and his brothers, Renato and Giancarlo, were born to Mariano and Assunta Turano in the mid-1940s and early 1950s in Castrolibero, Cosenza, Calabria. With the region devastated by World War II, the couple moved with their sons to Chicago in 1958 to make a better life for their family.

Tony served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968, rising to the rank of corporal. He married his high school sweetheart, Jean Dickman, a year after his honorable discharge.

Mariano founded Turano Baking Co. in 1962, with his sons working every aspect of the business. Involved in operations from early on, Tony has served as Production Manager, Director of Operations, Vice President of Operations, Executive Vice President and President of Turano Baking Company.

Over the decades, he and his brothers transformed a 2,000-square-foot facility into a baking industry titan operating out of five facilities encompassing more than half a million square feet, employing 750, and producing more than 400 types of breads and other baked goods.

Tony and his brothers currently serve as Co-Chairmen of the company and the third generation of the Turano family has stepped into leadership roles, including his daughters — Gena, Jennifer and Jessica.

Tony's prowess in the business world has been hailed by the State of Illinois, Snack Food & Wholesale Bakery magazine, Baking & Snack

magazine, and American Society of Baking Hall of Fame.

Firmly believing that success carries with it a responsibility to give back, Tony has been a force for good in the Italian-American community for decades.

One of the founding members of Casa Italia and its Chairman from 2011 to 2013, Tony is also a founding member of the Calabresi in America Organization, serving as President from 2000 to 2002. As the driving force behind CIAO's annual excursion to Calabria since 1991, Tony has shepherded more than 2,000 paesani across the Atlantic to immerse themselves in the land of their forebears.

He also has coordinated itineraries and curricula for student exchanges between the University of Calabria and

the University of Wisconsin-Parkside since 1998. UW-Parkside presented Tony with a Lifetime Recognition Award in 2011 in gratitude for his contributions.

The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans presented Tony and his brothers with the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2003 and St. Joseph Seminary bestowed the coveted Ite Ad Joseph Award upon Tony in 2007. And this year, the Republic of Italy knighted Tony, bestowing the coveted Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia upon him.

The Comboni Missionaries have chosen to honor Tony Turano at their annual Dinner Dance in appreciation of all the generous contributions that he and his family have given to the community as well as their support of the mission work of the Comboni Missionaries.



Saturday,  
November 21, 2015

**Porretta's Banquets**

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