

2011 Grand Marshal Charles F. Monahan, Jr.



This year the St Patrick's Parade Committee has chosen Charles "Charlie" F. Monahan, Jr. as the Grand Marshal of the 29th Annual St. Patrick's Parade.

After 35 years as a practicing pharmacist and successful businessman, Charles F. Monahan, Jr. became the 5th president of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) in 1997. A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, Mr. Monahan is a 1962 graduate of MCPHS, where he earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. Prior to his inauguration as President, Mr. Monahan served as a member of the College's Board of Trustees for eighteen years, the last six as the Chairman of the Board.

Under President Monahan's leadership, MCPHS has experienced unprecedented growth in enrollment, physical facilities, research and endowment. His efforts made possible a \$100 million expansion and revitalization of the Boston campus from 1996 to the present, encompassing 350,000 new square feet of research, classroom, student residence and administrative space. Between 2000 and the present, he has directed the development of schools of pharmacy and other health professions housed in an \$85 million campus in downtown Worcester, most recently the acquisition of the former Crowne Plaza

Hotel at 10 Lincoln Square. In 2001 he oversaw the College's acquisition of Boston's prestigious Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene, and in 2002 he dedicated the College's third campus in Manchester, New Hampshire. During his tenure, the MCPHS endowment has increased 1000% to its present level of more than \$190 million.

Mr. Monahan has initiated international programs in Cuba, Peru, China, Ireland and Saudi Arabia. In recognition of his efforts to advance the profession of pharmacy globally, Mr. Monahan was made an honorary member of the Cuban Pharmacists' Association in 2001 and the Peruvian Pharmacists' Association in 2004. He was awarded an honorary professorship at Peru's Catholic University of Santa Maria in 2002, the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Havana in 2003, and an honorary professorship at China's Hangzhou Medical College in 2008. He has received honorary doctoral degrees from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (1998) and Catholic University of Santa Maria (2004). In 2005, he received the 5th Harvey Ball Smile Award, given annually to an individual whose goodwill has made a difference to the City of Worcester, and in 2006 he received the Robert S. Bowditch Award from the Worcester Business Development Council. In 2007, Mr. Monahan was selected for the Isaiah Thomas Award, which is given annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Worcester community over time.

A strong believer in community and professional service, Mr. Monahan currently serves on the following boards: St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce, the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiative, Fallon Community Health Plan, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts (AICUM Executive Committee), Medical Academic and Scientific Community Organization (MASCO Executive Committee), Colleges of the Fenway (Chairman), Colleges of Worcester Consortium and the New Hampshire College and University Council. He also serves as a Corporator for the Greater Worcester Community Foundation and the Worcester Art Museum. Mr. Monahan is a member of the

Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Manchester (NH) Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Monahan is the former Executive Director of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy and past President of the Boston Druggists Association and the Worcester County Pharmaceutical Association. He has also served with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association, the Massachusetts Chain Drug Council, Easter Seals of Massachusetts-House of Delegates and on the boards of Mechanics Hall, the Worcester Club, the Worcester Main Street South Neighborhood Association and the Visiting Nurse Association of America.

A registered pharmacist in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Mr. Monahan owned and operated Monahan Medical and Pharmacy Services for thirty- one years, .His company consisted of five pharmacies servicing the City of Worcester and was a member of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores where he served on that organization's Catastrophic Health Care and Government Affairs Committees.

A licensed and avid pilot, he is a past member of the Massachusetts Airport Management Association and past chairman of the Worcester Airport Commission. Mr. Monahan is a member of the Worcester Club, the Worcester Country Club, the Union Club of Boston, the Manchester (NH) Country Club and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. He lives in Worcester with his wife, Lenore. They have three children and six grandchildren.

The Parade Committee is proud to have chosen Charles Monahan as our 2011 Grand Marshal.

