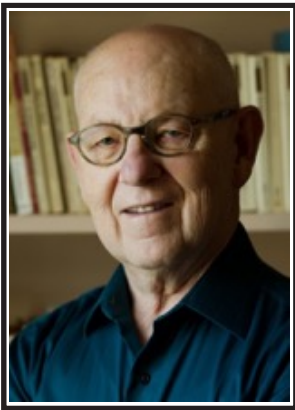




JOHANNES QUASTEN LECTURE AND AWARD PRESENTATION



Robert Wilken, Ph.D.

2017 Recipient of the Johannes Quasten Award

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Thursday, November 9, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Caldwell Auditorium

Robert Louis Wilken, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Emeritus Professor of the History of Christianity at the University of Virginia is a historian of early Christianity and prolific author. Wilken also serves as chairman of the board of the magazine *First Things*.

A native of New Orleans, he graduated from Concordia College and Concordia Seminary, receiving a B.A. and B.D.; he was ordained a Lutheran minister before beginning doctoral studies; he graduated from the University of Chicago with a M.A. and Ph.D. in 1971, where he studied with Robert M. Grant.

After receiving his doctorate, Wilken taught at the Lutheran Theological Seminary; Fordham University; University of Notre Dame; and at the University of Virginia. At the University of Virginia, he was instrumental in founding the St. Anselm Institute. Wilken has also held temporary teaching posts at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore; the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; and in Rome, the Gregorian University; and the Augustinianum. Since his seminary training with the Rev. Arthur Piepkorn, he has maintained a steady interest in early and medieval Christianity, and converted to Catholicism in 1994.

Robert Wilken is the author of more than ten books, including *The Myth of Christian Beginnings*; *The Christians as the Romans Saw Them*; *The Spirit of Early Christian Thought*; *The First Millennium*; and, most recently, *The Early Christian Roots of Religious Freedom*.

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