

## ***Dr. Joaquín Navarro-Valls***

Born in Cartagena, Spain on November 16, 1936.

Following his studies at the “Deutsche Schule”, he then studied medicine at the Universities of Granada and Barcellona, and journalism at the Faculty of Sciences of Communication, University of Navarra. He also received an “International Seminar” scholarship from Harvard University, U.S.A.

Graduated “summa cum laude” in Medicine and Surgery in 1961 and took courses for a doctorate in Psychiatry in “Trastornos psiquiátricos en los traumas craneales”. In addition, he taught at the Faculty of Medicine. In 1968, received a degree in Journalism and in Sciences of Communication in 1980.

Founding member and Vice-Director of the journal DIAGONAL (1964). Was Foreign Correspondent for NUESTRO TIEMPO. From 1977 to 1984, he was Foreign Correspondent for the daily newspaper of Madrid ABC covering Italy and Eastern Mediterranean (Egypt, Greece, Israel, Algiers, Turkey), and Special Envoy to equatorial Africa, Japan, and the Philippines.

Member of the Board of Directors (1979) and then elected President of the Foreign Press Association, Italy (1983 and 1984).

Since 1984 until 2006 has been Director of the Holy See Press Office.

From 1996 until 2001, he served as President of the Administration Board of the “Maruzza Lefebvre d’Ovidio” Foundation for terminally ill cancer patients.

Member of the Holy See Delegation to international conferences of the United Nations in Cairo (1994), Copenhagen (1995), Beijing (1995) and Istanbul (1996).

Participated in national and international conferences on Psychiatry as speaker and in many conferences on Journalism and the Technique of Communication.

Since 1996 is a visiting professor at the Faculty of Institutional Social Communications of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome.

Since January 2007 is President of the Advisory Board, University Campus Bio-Medico of Rome, Italy.

Honorary Doctorate in Sciences of Communications, Valencia, Spain, 2005.

Honorary Doctorate in Sciences of Communications, Naples, Italy, 2006

Honorary Doctorate in Sciences of Communications, Varese, Italy, 2006

Honory Doctorate in Law, Murcia, Spain, 2006

Honory Doctorate in Humane Letters, Virginia, USA, 2007

*Published books:*

*La Manipulación publicitaria*, Barcellona (1970)

*La familia y el mundo actual*, Barcellona (1976)

*La familia y la educación*, Caracas (1978)

*Fumata blanca*, Madrid (1978).

Speaks Spanish, English, French and Italian.

*Professional awards:*

“C. Peña” Prize for Medicine (1962)

“Leader of Opinion” International Prize for Journalism (1980)

“Gargano” Prize (1984)

“Calabria” Prize for Foreign Journalism (1984)

“Laurel 1985” Prize, Murcia Press Association (1985)

“Ischia” International Prize for Journalism (1985)

“Communicator of the Year”, Telecom Italia Award, Italy (1997)

“Maia” International Award of Journalism, Italy (1999)

Award “Gran Crisol 2000”, Spain (2000)

Golden Pen Award, Italy (2005)

St. Vincent Prize of Journalism Award, Italy (2005)

Ernest Hemingway European Award, Italy (2005)

Barocco Award, Italy (2005)

Val di Sole Award, Italy (2005)

Liberal Prize for Career Award, Italy (2005)

Capri San Michele Award for Journalism, Italy (2005)

Giuseppe Sciacca International Award Special Jury, Communications Section, Italy (2005)

Luka Brajnovic Award, Spain (2005)

Giorgio La Pira International Award for Peace, Culture and Solidarity, Italy (2005)

Capo Circeo Prize, Association of German-Italian Friendship, Italy (2005)

UCSI Prize for Communications, Italy (2005)

Premio Sirmione Catullo alla Carriera, Italy (2006).

*Illustrious honorary awards:*

Silver Grand Cross for Merit, Austria (1987)

Commander, Order of the Pole Star, Sweden (1992)

Grand Officer, Order of Bernardo O’Higgins of the Republic of Chile (1993)

Grand Officer, Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy (1993)

Grand Cross of the National Order of Merit, Paraguay (1995)

Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit, Spain (1997)

Grand Officer of the Order of St. Martin, Liberator, Argentina (1997)

Grand Cross Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, Vatican City (2003)

Grand Cross of Isabel the Catholic, Spain (2003)

Cross with Star, Order of Merit of the Polish Republic, 2006.

*References:*

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