

GUIDELINES FOR DIOCESAN AWARDS

- The award is given as a tangible expression of our appreciation to Catholic lay men and women for their many unselfish contributions of time and talent to the life of the parish.
- Each parish is asked to designate two (2) parishioners
- We will bestow the award annually.
- The award will be bestowed at a Prayer Service on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Saint Joseph Co-Cathedral, Thibodaux.
- The award is patterned off of our two patron saints and their charisms: Saint Joseph (Hidden **Service**) and Saint Francis de Sales (**Spirituality** of the Laity)
- Characteristics of potential recipients
 1. Live as a disciple of Jesus Christ
 2. They embody both holiness and service
 3. They have served the parish heroically, but have served with relative hiddenness
 4. Submitted to the will of God in their lives
 5. Are dedicated to prayer
 6. Exemplify gratitude to God and a joyful spirit
 7. Person of humility, pointing to their service to God and not themselves
 8. Consistent, unselfish contribution of time and talent to the life of the parish
 9. One who “humbly regards others as more important than themselves” (Philippians 2:3)
 10. A model of loving ones neighbor and meeting them in their needs
 11. Person of humility, acknowledging that all talent, gift is given by God
- Please note, religious brothers and sisters and permanent deacons are not eligible to receive this award.
- Please note, once a person has received the award they are not eligible to receive this award again.
- You might wish to seek the advice and counsel of your parish organizational leadership in the selection process.
- Please submit your names by May 31, 2020.