

THE BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

THE JOY OF TRADITION AWARD

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019



THE JOY OF TRADITION AWARD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED BY THEIR LIFE AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR PARISH THE JOY THAT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH BRINGS. IT IS A TESTIMONY TO THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR FAITH, AND FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM IN PROMOTING THE SACRED TRADITIONS IN LITURGY, MINISTRY, AND SERVICE TO OUR PARISH.

DEBBIE CLICHE

Debbie Cliche has been an active member of our parish since 2015, having moved from Atlanta, Georgia, where she was heavily involved with her parish, St. Oliver's Catholic Church. Anyone who has met Debbie is immediately affected by her smile and her bright and jubilant personality. These qualities have served her, especially in her joyful work with the youth of our parish. Since January 2016, Debbie has served as Youth Ministry coordinator for the parish, until just this past January, when she stepped down to take care of her mother and to pursue other ministry opportunities in the parish. She currently serves as Vice Chair for the Parish Pastoral Council as well as serving in several liturgical ministries, as a greeter, a lector, and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Debbie acknowledges that her love of her faith, her active involvement in various ministries, her love for people and her joy of tradition were instilled in her by her parents, Maureen & Donald Cliche. She is ever grateful to her family including four brothers, a sister, four sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, three nieces, five nephews, and so many friends who are like family to her. Debbie exemplifies the Joy of Tradition that we hope to live here at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, and it is for this reason that she has been chosen to be one of the two 2019 recipients of this award.



DELMAR RAMIREZ PÉREZ

Delmar has participated in our parish for 11 years with his family, coming from a very traditional Catholic Guatemalan community. Besides serving as a lead altar server and helping with the training, he has always sung in the choir at our Spanish Mass. As a young teen, he desired to express the traditional elements of Catholic sacred music at our Spanish Mass, and he has worked with the parish priests and staff to bring that vision to fruition, particularly by introducing the pipe organ at our Spanish Mass. He began training on the organ in 2016 with Andrea Tierney, our Basilica organist, and now plays organ regularly at the Spanish Mass and as the substitute organist for the whole parish. Delmar is an example for young people to follow Christ. Delmar's commitment and love of the sacred music and liturgy of the Church exemplify the Joy of Tradition, and for this reason he has been chosen to be one of the two 2019 recipients of the award.



In Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rev. J. David Carter'.

Rev. J. David Carter, JCL, Pastor and Rector