



THE BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL THE JOY OF TRADITION AWARD

JUNE 27, 2021

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.

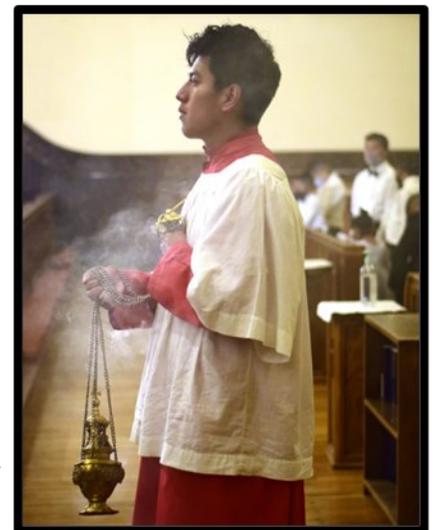
CATHY PALISOC

Cathy Palisoc was raised in South Korea without faith in God. After first becoming Methodist, she converted to Catholicism, and grew in her faith with a wonderful RCIA program. Cathy and Oscar joined the Basilica parish in 2019 when her children, Christine (23) and Ethan (22), began singing in the Gloria Dei Schola. Cathy serves as a lector at our Novus Ordo Masses and is a member of The Deacon's Table and Catholic Motherhood. Cathy says that "with the beautiful traditional music and Gregorian chanting, sweet smell of incense, sophisticated vestments, and *ad orientem*, I was able to focus on the Mass offered to our God. I sensed that my entire being was truly present at the celebration and felt like having a taste of heaven on earth." When we began the weekly celebration of the Extraordinary Form at the Basilica, Cathy and Oscar accepted Fr. Carter's invitation to sit in the front pew to help the congregation become accustomed to the sit/stand/kneel postures. This year, Cathy stepped up to Co-Chair the Under One Roof capital campaign to help us raise money to replace our roof and preserve our magnificent church. Cathy exemplifies the Joy of Tradition that we hope to live at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, and for this reason she has been chosen one of the 2021 recipients of this award.



CLERVIN PÉREZ

18-year-old Clervin Pérez is the son of Leonel and Norma Pérez. Leonel and Norma are originally from Guatemala and they have been living in Chattanooga for 20 years. Clervin is the oldest son of Leonel and Norma, and he has two brothers. He is a senior/MC altar server at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul and often serves several times each week for Mass and sacramental celebrations. Clervin has been a lector for the Basilica, and he has taken over as lead sacristan for the Basilica Hispanic community. Soon he will be involved with the formation of altar servers with the Hispanic community. Clervin graduated from Notre Dame High School this year and is pursuing the dream of being a business accountant at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC). Because of his enthusiasm and spirituality and his example, Clervin has been chosen for this 2021 award.



In Christ Jesus,

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