

Eleventh Annual Youth & Campus Ministry Appreciation Mass & Dinner

Award Descriptions for Appreciation Dinner 2014

The following awards will be presented by Bishop Loverde at the Eleventh Annual Youth & Campus Ministry Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, December 9, 2014

The Volunteer of the Year Award:

“For Outstanding Volunteer Service to Young People”

The Office of Youth Ministry invites each parish, Catholic high school, and campus ministry in attendance at the Dinner to honor an outstanding volunteer who labors at the service of youth or young adults. Do you know someone who has: served young people at your parish or school joyfully and faithfully? Served with little regard for recognition or personal gain? Been an invaluable part of your mission to serve young people? At the Dinner, all those recognized as outstanding volunteers in youth or young adult ministry will be called forward. A brief word will be said about each of them, and they will receive a plaque with their name and the name of the parish, Catholic high school, or campus ministry that nominated them on it.

The Excellence in Youth Ministry Award:

“Traveling Companion of Young People”

This award is given to a youth worker who has shown a strong dedication to accompanying young people in their pilgrimage of Christian discipleship. This person demonstrates an ongoing commitment and availability to young people as they grow in faith.

The St. John Bosco Award:

“That they are young is enough to make me love them.”

Given by the Youth Apostles Institute, the St. John Bosco award is presented to a Coordinator of Youth Ministry or Volunteer who is actively involved with Youth Ministry in the Arlington Diocese. This person is a practicing Catholic, sets a good example in their community, excels at working with young people, and encourages them in their Catholic faith. This person works with young people on a regular basis.

The *Ex Corde* Award:

“Sharing the Heart of Christ with University Students”

The *Ex Corde* (“From the Heart”) Award is given to someone who has demonstrated exemplary service or support to College Campus Ministry, giving their time, their energy, indeed, even a piece of their very own heart, in order to share with university students the love of Christ.

The More Award:

“For a Lifetime of Commitment to Young People”

The More Award is a lifetime achievement award which aims to recognize individuals who have committed themselves to young people in a way that demonstrates the abundance and longevity of God’s love. This love, as reflected in the Arlington Diocesan Patron, Saint Thomas More, chooses service over self-promotion and a steadfast defense of the faith entrusted to us. Appropriately enough, the very name of our patron saint points to a giving which goes beyond the typical expectations—and so we have chosen to call this “The More Award.”

“These things, good Lord that we pray for, give us Thy grace to labor for.” –St. Thomas More.

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FAQs

How do I nominate someone for an award?

- Volunteer of the Year Award:
 - Complete the Award Nomination Form (attached).
 - Provide at least one photo of the nominee – digital images are preferred. Please do not use Facebook photos. (**The dimensions must be at least 1600 x 900 with a minimum resolution of 72 dpi.**)
- Other Awards:
 - Complete the Award Nomination Form (attached).
 - Attach an answer to the following question: “Why does this person deserve to be given this award?” Responses should be **at least six sentences but no more than one page** in length. Please include information regarding the nominee’s years of ministry, activities, interests, service performed, and other details applicable to the description of the award for which he/she is being nominated.
- Deadline:
 - **All award nominations are due by Friday, October 31, 2014.** Nominations may be submitted by email to c.maciel@arlingtondiocese.org or by mail to the address at the bottom of the Award Nomination Form.
- The Office of Youth Ministry will promptly acknowledge receipt of all nomination materials and will communicate nominee’s status at that time.

What are the criteria for Volunteer of the Year Award nominees?

- The individual must be a volunteer at the parish, Catholic high school, or campus ministry that nominates him/her. Paid staff members are not eligible for this recognition (but could be considered for other awards).
- Teachers in Catholic schools who volunteer with young people beyond their normal teaching duties and who are not compensated for their time are also eligible.
- Parishes/Catholic high schools/campus ministries can honor a previous awardee.
- Parishes/Catholic high schools/campus ministries can nominate someone for the award who will not be at the Appreciation Dinner. You can arrange to pick up the award after the dinner with someone from the Office of Youth Ministry.
- The Office of Youth Ministry will not release the names of those nominated for the Volunteer of the Year Award until the night of the Appreciation Dinner. You are encouraged to make the award a surprise.

What are the costs associated with the awards and the Dinner?

- Your parish will be billed for all costs associated with the Dinner in the weeks following the event. There is no need to pay anything up front.
- Volunteer of the Year Award nominations are \$25.00 each.
- Other award nominations, since they are not guaranteed, are free.
- The cost per attendee at the Dinner is \$10.00, including Volunteer of the Year awardees.
- Confirmed major awardees are complimentary, as are their immediate family (wife, husband, children).
- Other guests of the awardees are not complimentary, but many parishes choose to cover their cost.

How do I RSVP for myself/my award nominee(s)/my other guests for the Dinner?

- You will receive formal invitations and more information by mail in October 2013.

Other questions? (703) 841-2559 or c.maciel@arlingtondiocese.org

