



DIOCESAN HALL OF HONOR **A RECOGNITION HONORING ADULTS**

The Diocesan Hall of Honor was implemented in March 2002. It began as an annual honor recognizing **one** adult and **one** youth from each parish in the Diocese for dedication, service and leadership to the youth ministry of that parish. However, in 2009, the Hall of Honor will be awarded to **ADULTS ONLY** as we have now implemented **The Trinity Awards** to honor our youth. Hall of Honor recipients are recognized for strengthening the ministry to young people in their parish.

Guidelines for Selection:

Each parish may annually select one adult (or married couple) or they may select one group of individuals. In this way, your parish can honor either a single individual (or married couple) or you may choose to recognize a parish or community group that has supported your local youth ministry efforts. This might include a Knights of Columbus Chapter, the Ladies' Sodality, a local printer (who may have consistently donated free raffle tickets, etc). All adults, including lay, married, ordained and religious should be considered. Any individual or a group who has contributed in a significant way to the parish's youth ministry; who is committed to serving the church and her youth; and who generously shares their love, faith, and enthusiasm should be considered for this honor. Each parish may submit either ONE adult nomination whether a single individual or one group—but not both. The actual process for selecting the nominee is left to the individual parish. Recipients will be recognized during our Saturday evening Banquet at the Diocesan Youth Conference

NOMINATION CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES ARE INCLUDED BELOW.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who can receive this recognition?

Any adult (ordained, religious, lay or married couple) or any parish or civic group or organization that has made a significant contribution to the youth ministry efforts of your parish may be selected for recognition.

2. How many people can we recognize?

While there are many people in each parish deserving of recognition, we ask each parish to select only ONE nomination--either one adult (or a married couple) or one civic/parish group for recognition.

3. When will they be recognized?

Special recognition will be given to recipients at the Saturday evening Awards Banquet during the Diocesan Youth Conference. For civic groups and organizations, as well as adult individuals, the parish will have the option to invite those recipients to the Conference Saturday evening Awards Banquet but would be responsible to cover the meal costs involved. The nomination forms (with photos) will also be on display throughout the Conference.

4. How should we select the recipient?

The process of selection is left to individual parishes. The selection team could be comprised of key teen leaders and adult leadership involved in parish youth ministry. We ask that each nomination be signed by the pastor, youth group leader or youth ministry coordinator, chair of the parish youth ministry commission, or parish life coordinator to confirm the recipient's service to parish youth ministry.

5. What do we submit?

1. A separate, 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper for **each individual or group** which will be displayed at the annual Diocesan Youth Conference. This document should:
 - a. highlight the recipient's name, parish and town name
 - b. include a 3x5 photograph of the recipient (individual or group) for display purposes only. Picture may be formatted in any manner as long as it is included on the one page submission sheet. Please do not bend submissions when mailing.
 - c. submit a one or two paragraph biography of the recipient including family and employment information for the adult recipient or information regarding the function of the group recipient indicating how they have contributed to your local parish youth ministry efforts in an outstanding way
 - d. ensure the application is signed by either the Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator (primary adult parish youth minister), Chair of the Parish Youth Ministry Commission, Pastor, or Parish Life Coordinator.
2. Please include the name and complete mailing address of each recipient (individual or group) so that a certificate of recognition can be mailed to them, if necessary, following the annual Diocesan Youth Conference.
3. PLEASE NOTE: Nominations **MUST** be submitted in the format hereby requested. Nominations submitted otherwise will be returned for proper submission. Nominations are due to the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry by March 1, 2009.

Example of Nomination Form is included below.

<p>Place photo of person or group on page with resume. Photo is used for display purposes at the Conference. We cannot guarantee photo will be returned.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MR. DANIEL JONES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ST. MARY'S PARISH MT. VERNON IL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our parish has selected Mr. Jones to be inducted in the Diocesan Hall of Honor because...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our parish has selected the Knights of Columbus Chapter #123 to be inducted into the Diocesan Hall of Honor because...</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Signature & Title of Parish Adult Representative here</p>
