

## **Award Descriptions for Appreciation Dinner 2019**

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

The following awards will be presented by Bishop Burbidge at the Sixteenth Annual Youth, Campus, & Young Adult Ministries Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, December 10, 2019

### **The Volunteer of the Year Award: “For Outstanding Volunteer Service”**

The Office of Youth, Campus, & Young Adult Ministries 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, campus, or young adult ministry will be called forward. A brief word will be said about each of them, and they will receive an award with their name and the name of the parish, Catholic high school, or campus ministry that submitted their name engraved on it.

### **The Excellence in Youth Ministry Award: “Traveling Companion of Young People”**

This award is presented to a Director of Youth Ministry or Volunteer who is actively involved with Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Arlington and has shown a strong dedication to accompanying young people in their pilgrimage of Christian discipleship. This person is a practicing Catholic, demonstrates an ongoing commitment and availability to young people as they grow in faith, sets a good example in their community, excels at working with young people, and encourages them in their Catholic faith.

### **The Blessed Chiara Badano Youth Award “If this is what you want, Jesus, so do I.”**

This award is presented to a teenaged young woman who exhibits a thirst for holiness through active participation in her parish youth ministry program and service to others. Like Blessed Chiara, this young woman seeks to love others before herself, to practice Christian virtue, has a deep desire to do God’s will, and seeks to be an example of faith for her peers and all whom she encounters. “I have nothing left, but I still have my heart, and with that I can always love.”

### **The St. Jose Sanchez del Rio Youth Award “To die for God, gives me great joy.”**

This award is presented to teenaged young man who exhibits a thirst for holiness through active participation in his parish youth ministry program and service to others. Like Saint Jose, this young man seeks to love Christ and the Church above all else, to practice Christian courage and fidelity, has a deep desire to do God’s will, and seeks to be an example of faith for his peers and all whom he encounters. “Long live Christ the King.”

### **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 Excellence in Young Adult Ministry Award: “Traveling Companion of Young Adults”**

This award is presented to a Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry or Volunteer who is actively involved with Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Arlington and has shown a strong dedication in ministering to young adults in their community. This person is a practicing Catholic, demonstrates an ongoing commitment and availability to young adults as they continue to grow in their faith, sets a good example in their community, and encourages them to seek a personal relationship with Christ above all else.

### **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.”

## FAQs

### **How do I nominate someone for an award?**

- Volunteer of the Year Award:
  - Complete the Volunteer of the Year Award Submission Form (attached).
- Major Awards:
  - Complete the Major 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.
- Deadlines:
  - **All award submissions & nominations are due by Thursday, October 31, 2019.** All materials requested should be submitted to the Office of Youth, Campus, & Young Adult Ministries by this date. Submissions and nominations may be sent by email to [clarissa.maciel@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:clarissa.maciel@arlingtondiocese.org) or by mail to the address at the bottom of the Award Submission/Nomination Forms.
  - The Office of Youth, Campus, & Young Adult Ministries will promptly acknowledge receipt of all nomination materials and will communicate the nominee’s status at that time.

### **What are the criteria for Volunteer of the Year Award submissions?**

- 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, Campus, & Young Adult Ministries.
- For the sake of time at the dinner, we would encourage each parish, Catholic high school, and campus ministry to submit only one name for this award. You can however, submit more than one name if they serve in different ministries (e.g. youth ministry, young adult ministry at the same parish).
- The Office of Youth, Campus, & Young Adult Ministries will not release the names for the Volunteer of the Year Award until the night of the Appreciation Dinner on December 10<sup>th</sup>. You could make the award a surprise if you wish.

### **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 submissions are \$25.00 each. This covers the plaque.
- 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 a maximum of 7 of their immediate family (e.g. wife, husband, children, parents).
- 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), and my other guests?**

- You will receive more information by mail in October.

**Other questions? Call (703) 841-2559 or e-mail [clarissa.maciel@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:clarissa.maciel@arlingtondiocese.org)**

# Volunteer of the Year Award Submission Form

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY or TYPE)

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### **Volunteers to consider for submission:**

Coaches, scouting leaders, WorkCamp, mission trip, H.S. or M.S. core team, young adult ministry, campus ministry, “youth grouping” leaders, small group leaders, those who work behind the scenes in your ministries.

Name of the person you would like to honor (as it should appear on the award):

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Pronunciation Prompt (e.g. “Keh-vin Bowl-ee”):

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Parish / High School / Campus Ministry:

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Name & Title of the person completing this submission form:

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Contact information of the person completing this submission form:

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a maximum of two sentences about the person you are honoring,  
which will be read at the Appreciation Dinner.

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**Please return this form and all nomination materials to the address below by  
Thursday, October 31, 2019**

Office of Youth, Campus, & Young Adult Ministries  
Attn: Appreciation Dinner Award Nominations  
200 North Glebe Road, Suite 540  
Arlington, VA 22203

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# Major Award Nomination Form

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY or TYPE)

**Deadline: Thursday, October 31, 2019**

Nominee Name (as it should appear on the award):

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Pronunciation Prompt (e.g. "Keh-vin Bowl-ee"):

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Parish / High School / Campus Ministry:

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Name & Title of the person completing this nomination form:

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Contact information of the person completing this nomination form:

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Award for which this person is being nominated:**

If you would like this person to be considered for more than one of these major awards, with the exception of the youth awards, please rank them in order of preference below (ex. 1, 2, 3).

_____ Excellence in Youth Ministry Award	_____ Excellence in Young Adult Ministry Award
_____ <i>Ex Corde</i> Award	_____ More Award
_____ Bl. Chiara Badano Youth Award	_____ St. Jose Sanchez del Rio Youth Award

Please attach an answer to this 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.

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