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## Media Alert

### **Bishop John Noonan presents Light of Faith Awards for Excellence in Communication Diocese of Orlando Program Coincides with Vatican World Communications Day on May 20**

Bishop John Noonan presented close to 50 awards to representatives from 27 parishes and schools and two diocesan offices in the Diocese of Orlando on April 23, 2012 at St. James Cathedral.

There are three goals of the Light of Faith Awards:

- Recognize the hard work and dedication of many people who communicate and evangelize the Good News of our Catholic faith
- Showcase the best examples of communication to inspire and educate others in their pursuit of excellence
- Highlight the many ways in which the Good News is communicated throughout the Diocese of Orlando

The Diocese of Orlando Office of Communications developed the Light of Faith Awards Program in unity with the pope's annual World Communications Day, May 20, 2012.

Parish and schools submitted materials in the following categories: Bulletins, Newsletters, Special Publications, Brochures and Worship Aids, Web or Internet Based Communications, Video, and Campaigns.

The award recipients are listed below:

#### **Category 1    Bulletins**

*(Small Parish)* St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Dunnellon

*(Medium Parish)* St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Orlando

*(Large Parish)* St. Anthony Catholic Church, Lakeland

#### **Category 2    Newsletters**

*(Parish)* St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church, Orlando

*(School)* St. James Cathedral School, Orlando

### **Category 3 Special Publications**

*(Medium Parish)* Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, Oviedo  
*(Large Parish)* Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Indialantic  
*(Medium School)* St. Teresa Catholic School, Titusville  
*(Large School)* Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School, Indialantic  
*(Entity)* Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

### **Category 4 Brochure/Worship Aid**

*(Small Parish)* St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church, Orlando  
*(Medium Parish)* St. Ann's Catholic Church, DeBary  
*(Large Parish)* Annunciation Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs  
*(Large School)* Trinity Catholic High School, Ocala

### **Category 5 Internet/Website Communications**

*(Parish--Multimedia)* St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg, CCTN  
*(Medium Parish—Website)* St. Matthew Catholic Church, Winter Haven  
*(Large Parish—Website)* Annunciation Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs  
*(School—Website)* St. Paul Catholic School, Leesburg  
*(Entity—Website)* Brevard County Catholic Schools  
*(School—Web Marketing)* Father Lopez Catholic High School, Daytona Beach  
*(Parish—E-newsletter)* All Souls Catholic Church, Sanford

### **Category 6 Video**

*(Parish)* St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg, CCTN  
*(School)* Bishop Moore Catholic High School, Orlando  
*(Entity)* Brevard County Catholic Schools

### **Category 7 Campaigns**

*(Medium Parish)* Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, Oviedo  
*(Large Parish)* St. James Cathedral, Orlando  
*(School)* St. Paul Catholic School, Leesburg  
*(Entity)* Brevard County Catholic Schools

Young people also participated in a variety of ways which demonstrates that they are not just the Church of tomorrow they are the Church of today.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest, organized by the Office of Advocacy and Justice, taught young people in grades 7-12 about the root causes of poverty and Catholic Social Teaching and communicate ways to address those root causes as a people of faith.

The Office of Vocations Poster Contest taught young people in grades 6 and 11 about how God calls each of us to a special vocation in life and that a religious calling is an important vocation that can bring great joy to a person's life while building the Kingdom of God on earth.

The Office of Youth Ministry organized a Living in the Light Art Contest to invite middle and high school students to creatively illustrate how we as Disciples of Christ can "live in the Light of Christ."

The Office of Communications also works with young people who are Ace Reporters for the website Faith News Online. The students in middle school write about events and activities that affect their faith.

The youth award recipients are as follows:

### **Category 8 Ace Reporter**

Lynette Fisher and James Commerford, St. Paul Catholic School, Leesburg

### **Category 9 Vocations**

*First Place:* Ariano Arleo, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, St. Cloud

*Second Place:* Maisa Cietto, St. John Vianney Catholic School, Orlando

*Third Place:* Evan Arango and Michael Collins, St. John Vianney Catholic School, Orlando

### **Category 10 Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

7th-9th Grade

*First Place:* Harley June Smith, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School, Altamonte Springs

Miss Smith also received the first place national award in the CCHD Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest and will receive a \$500 prize plus a matching grant to the CCHD funded group of her choice.

*Second Place:* Zoe Smith, Janae Dorelus, Parker Boudreaux, and Billy Joseph, St. Andrew Catholic School, Orlando

*Third Place:* Jordonna White, St. Andrew Catholic School, Orlando

*Third Place:* Elizabeth Cobb and Kayla Hodkey, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School, Altamonte Springs

*Honorable Mention:* Joey Marshall and Tommy Brockman, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School, Altamonte Springs

10th – 12th Grade Category

*First Place:* Coco Wu, Santa Fe Catholic High School, Lakeland

Miss Wu also received a third place national award in the CCHD Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest and will receive a \$100 prize plus a matching grant to the CCHD funded group of her choice.

*Second Place:* Lauren Wurthmann, Santa Fe Catholic High School, Lakeland

*Third Place:* Candice Helvick, Santa Fe Catholic High School, Lakeland

*Honorable Mention:* Francesca Petrizzo and Anita Annaheim, Father Lopez Catholic High School, Daytona Beach

### **Category 11 Living in the Light**

Middle School

*First Place:* Gabriella Nadeau, Resurrection Catholic School, Lakeland

*Second Place:* Elizabeth Buckley, St Margaret Mary Catholic School, Winter Park

*Third Place:* Jacob LaLonde, St Anthony Catholic School, Lakeland

High School

*First Place:* Kevin McKiernan, Father Lopez Catholic High School, Daytona Beach

*Second Place:* Claire Mulinax, Father Lopez Catholic High School, Daytona Beach

*Third Place:* Andrew Stearns, Resurrection Catholic Church Youth Ministry, Lakeland

All of our award recipients are to be held up as an example to follow. Hopefully their example will inspire many to enhance their communication methods to more effectively share the Gospel message. There are two parishes in particular that have excelled in the area of communications and evangelization this past year. Bishop Noonan presented them with the Witness to Hope Award, the highest honor bestowed at the Light of Faith Awards Prayer Service and Awards Ceremony.

**Witness to Hope Award Recipients**

Small Parish: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Dunnellon

Large Parish: St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg