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Hello everyone,

It is time to consider nominations for our Diocesan-wide awards for youth and adults. This will involve adult leaders submitting a nomination form on each candidate that will be reviewed by the Adult Advisory Council in a competitive light and compared to all nominees at which point a decision will be made to award only two nominees for this prestigious award.

The St. Timothy Award is the highest recognition by the Diocese and bestowed on no more than two graduating senior high school students who live as disciples of Christ, setting positive examples for other youth; who are witnesses to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity; who demonstrate Gospel values through service to others; and who exhibit Christian leadership in parish, school and community settings.

A permanent display of our St. Timothy Award winners will be kept at St. John's Catholic Center. Therefore, we are also requiring a \$10.00 processing fee for each nomination submitted and this fee will go toward the upkeep of this permanent display and also be used toward the cost of the award presented to the recipient. The award will be given at our Annual State Youth Convention Awards Banquet in May.

Additionally, each parish is allowed to submit nominations for the Youth Discipleship Recognition Award. This award will be made available to you through the Diocesan Youth Office and is to be presented at your local parish level during a recognition Mass. It can be awarded to one youth in each grade, ninth through twelfth. It should be given to youth who you feel have responded to the call of discipleship through service to your parish youth program and are worthy of public recognition. The award application will be reviewed by the Diocesan youth office staff and a pin will be sent to the parish nominating the youth. The cost of each award is \$5.00.

Copies of each of these new awards are enclosed with this letter. Please make copies of these nominations and keep them for your use. These awards will also be available on line at the diocesan website.

The adult recognition award is the Light of the World Recognition Pin to be given at the local parish level to an adult in your parish to express gratitude for demonstrating a commitment to young people and youth ministry as reflected in *Renewing the Vision*. This application will be submitted to the Youth Office for review along with a fee of \$5.00 to pay for the pin. The pin will then be sent to the parish for recognition of the individual at a Mass.

The second award is the Companions of the Journey Adult Service Award. This award is the highest recognition the Diocese can bestow upon an adult who demonstrates excellence in youth ministry as reflected in *Renewing the Vision*; who has an ongoing commitment to education and formation; who has longevity to youth ministry of at least five or more years; who has a real commitment to young people; and who demonstrates outstanding leadership at the local or diocesan level.

Applications for this award must also be submitted to the Youth Office along with a fee of \$20.00 to again go toward the upkeep of a plaque to be displayed at St. John's Catholic Center and also to help off-set the cost of the individual award presented at the Annual State Youth Convention.

Copies of both of these adult awards are also enclosed. Please make copies of these applications to be used at the parish. We also hope to have these nomination forms available for download on our diocesan website shortly.

Please feel free to call if you have questions or need further clarification on these awards. We look forward to receiving your nominations no later than April 3rd.

Pax,

Liz Tingquist
Director

Enclosures