

*Who are the young people and adults in your parish or school that have made a significant contribution to ministry this year?*

*Plan now to recognize their gifts!*

#### **Attending the Dinner**

Gathering begins at 6:30 pm.  
Program begins at 7:00 pm. This is an alcohol-free event.

Tickets are \$25 per person, \$225 for a table of 10. Sorry, no tables of 8 available.

To order tickets, use the order form online. Simply go to [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and click Youth and Young Adults to be directed to Upcoming Events. All the information you need is right there.

The deadline for tickets is Friday, March 26, 2012. Parishes are encouraged to reserve seats for those receiving an award.

*Thank you!*

#### About Executive Banquet Center

Conveniently located just south of historic Newark, Delaware, the Executive Banquet and Conference Center is easily accessible from I-95, Rt 896 and Rt 40.

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# 9th Annual Catholic Youth Ministry Recognition Dinner

**We Walk By Faith**

*April 19, 2012 • 6:30 pm  
Executive Banquet Center*

## Who Can Make A Nomination?

When it comes to nominating people for these awards, the greatest need for any parish or school will ultimately be communication. The leaders of the various ministries to youth will need to come together at one table to discuss the nominations.

Ideally, nominations should come from the Youth Ministry Leadership Committee (also called Advisory Board or Council). According to *Empowering Disciples: A Work in Progress*, every parish is required to have a Youth Ministry Leadership Committee. If your parish has not set one up yet, please contact CYM staff for assistance.

Recognizing that each parish is in a unique place on their journey, we do not wish to discourage parishes without an active YMLC from nominating outstanding leaders.

***We do require, however, that nominations are made based upon conversations with others and not the result of one person's wishes. In the absence of a YMLC, only the Primary Youth Ministry contact, Pastor or Principle may submit a nomination.***

***All nominations must be approved by the pastor or principal.***

## Nominate Online

For 2012, all nominations must be made online. Visit [www.cdowcym.org](http://www.cdowcym.org) and click Recognition Dinner under the Events tab. This will take you to the link for the Event information, including the nomination form and ticket order form.

Saving paper saves money, which helps keep CYM's cost down!

## Volunteer of the Year

The Annual Recognition Dinner allows each parish to name an adult (21 years of age or older and cleared for service in the diocese) to receive the **Volunteer of the Year** at the event. Please note, this award is not a nomination. When parishes name a Volunteer of the Year, that person receives the award.

The previous year's recipient and paid staff are not eligible for this award (but teachers in Catholic Schools who volunteer beyond normal teaching assignment are eligible only if they do not receive compensation for this extra work).

When these volunteers are presented with their awards at the dinner, a *brief sentence* will be read aloud about each recipient. All Volunteers of the Year will be recognized as a group. The names of those not present will not be called.

## St. Timothy National Award

Parish leaders can name one young person from their parish for this national award. **The St. Timothy Award** is the highest recognition from the NFCYM for a diocese to confer to a **junior or senior high school youth** who lives as a disciple of Christ, sets a positive example for other youth, witnesses to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity, demonstrates Gospel values through service to others, and exhibits Christian leadership in parish, school, and/or community settings.

As each young person is introduced at the dinner, a paragraph will be read aloud outlining the great accomplishments of each young person while a picture of them is displayed. Then the group will be recognized together as they pose for a picture with Bishop Malooly.

## St. John Bosco Diocesan Award

*St. John Bosco is the founder of the Salesian Society and is the patron saint of young people.*

The **St. John Bosco Award** is a diocesan award given to adult leaders (21 years and older and cleared for service in the diocese) who have been involved in youth ministry **for five or more years** and have been positive role models in one of several categories.

Recipients may be volunteer or salaried, lay or religious. Teams may nominate one individual in each of the following categories:

- ▶ parish or diocesan youth ministry
- ▶ ministry in a Catholic School
- ▶ ministry as a clergy or religious
- ▶ ministry in athletics
- ▶ ministry in catechesis
- ▶ ministry in girl scouts
- ▶ ministry in boy scouts
- ▶ ministry to young adults
- ▶ ministry in multi-cultural setting

As each award recipient is recognized, a brief statement will be read aloud. These recipients will be recognized individually. Only those present will be recognized.

## Companions on the Journey National Award

Parishes and schools can nominate adult volunteers, paid staff, or clergy (21 years and older and cleared for service in the diocese) for the **Companions on the Journey Award**, given by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry through local diocesan offices for service in one of seven categories to an individual who has provided **three or more years** of outstanding service to youth. Nominations may be made in each category:

- ▶ ministry in athletics
- ▶ ministry in catechesis
- ▶ ministry in Boy Scouts
- ▶ ministry in Girl Scouts
- ▶ ministry in justice and service
- ▶ parish youth ministry
- ▶ ministry to young adults

As each award recipients is recognized, a brief statement will be read aloud. These recipients will be recognized individually.

## Other Awards

Catholic Youth Ministry also uses this opportunity to present awards for which nominations are not an open process. These awards include the Pope John Paul II Courage in CYM Athletics Award, the Father John J. Sheehy Award for Outstanding Contribution in Youth Ministry, and the Coach Jim Blunt Memorial Award.

Nomination Deadline March 15, 2012