

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY AWARD

2017 PARISH NOMINATION FORM

The **Companions on the Journey Award** is the highest adult recognition sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. It is given annually in the Diocese of Providence to **Catholic adults** who have been active members in parish, school, and/or diocesan activities for youth for at least **FIVE years**. The demonstrated criteria for this award are:

- Excellence in youth ministry
- Commitment to young people
- Outstanding leadership at the local and/or diocesan level
- Commitment to on-going education and formation
- Longevity in ministry

In the Diocese of Providence annually one award per deanery (or 12 overall in parish category) and one award per Catholic high school annually.

*But how can they call on him
in whom they have not believed?
And how can they believe in him
of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear
without someone to preach?
And how can people preach
unless they are sent?
As it is written,
How beautiful are the feet
of those who bring [the] good news!*

Romans 10:14-15



ALL Nominations must be received at the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry (OCYM) by: **Friday, January 27, 2017**

Awards presented: **Sunday, March 12, 2017 - 1:00pm Cathedral**

NOTE: All information must be completed and on time to be considered.

(All forms & more available electronically at www.ymcyoprovidence.org)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Mail or Fax your nominations to:
Office of Catholic Youth Ministry

One Cathedral Square

Providence, RI 02903-3695

Fax: (401) 278-4596

YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Nominee Phone Number: _____ **Gender:** Female Male

Nominee Parish: _____ **Pastor:** _____

Parish Address/City: _____ **Parish Phone Number:** _____

Nominated by: _____ **Nominator Phone Number:** _____

Nominator Address: _____ **E-mail:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NOMINATOR:

- Nominations may be submitted by: Pastors, Parish Staff, School Staff, and/or Parishioners.
- Multiple nominations for a person will be judged together.
- Answers to the essay questions listed on this form are the **ONLY** material used for judging. Please give specific examples and be thorough. (An excerpt of your answer to question #12 may appear in print should your nominee be selected as a recipient.)
- Use the back of this form (and additional paper, if necessary) to answer the essay questions about the person you are nominating. In order to assist the Review Committee, give as much information as possible.
- This award is not geared toward quantitative hours of service, but to the integrity of the individual and how well he or she is perceived as an outstanding Catholic Christian.
- Please have the **nominee's pastor sign the completed form**. *Nominations are to be treated as confidential*. Please **do not** inform the nominee, nominee's family, or members of the parish community of the nomination.
- You may call 401-278-4626 if you have any questions.

1. Please indicate below using the check boxes exactly who is nominating this adult. We understand that the person who may take care of filling the award nomination may have had input from others: (i.e. staff members/pastor/priest/deacon/parish/etc.)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination is being made by PASTOR | <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination is being made by a PARISH STAFF MEMBER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination is being made by a PRIEST | <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination is being made by a YOUTH CENTER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination is being made by DEACON | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination is being made by the PARISH/PARISH PROGRAM | |

Comment: _____

2. How many years (approximations are acceptable) has the nominee been involved with or worked with Catholic youth? (A minimum of 5 years as an adult is required to be considered for this award.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 to 40 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21 to 30 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Comment: _____

3. Is the nominee employed in this role working with youth or are they a volunteer? (Please note: you will be able to easily share the details of our nominee's good work in questions #5-9 below.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Position working with youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Position working with youth | |

Comment: _____

4. Describe the particular **Catholic virtues** that characterize this person.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> prayerful | <input type="checkbox"/> hospitable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> humble | <input type="checkbox"/> patient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compassionate | <input type="checkbox"/> considerate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> kind | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Comment: _____

5. Please note all the **Parish activities** you know for a fact that the Nominee serves/has served in – which demonstrates their commitment to ministry to and for youth in the parish as well as their Christian leadership skills.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education Assistant/Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Ministry Leader (mentor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group (mentor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Coach/Assistant/Referee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible School | <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Team (mentor) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAL (Catholic Athletic League) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Committees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus/Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Core Group/Leadership Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Group/Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Teen (mentor) | |

Comment: _____

6. Please note all the **Community Service** activities you know for a fact that the Nominee serves/has served in.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital/Medical | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth work/Childcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home/Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/Drug Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop Tobin's 'Human Life Guild' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission/Service Trip | |

Comment: _____

7. Please note all **Spiritual Disciplines** you know for a fact that the Nominee has developed and practices regularly.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Mass | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Examen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily Mass | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Confession |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily Scripture | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Direction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Retreat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saint Devotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Comment: _____

8. Please explain how this person you are nominating has been a **Witness to his/her Catholic Faith in practice and deeds.**

9. **If you could sum up your reason for nominating this person in only two sentences what would you say?** (NOTE: Should your Nominee win, your response will be published in the annual Awards booklet. Space is limited to only two sentences – no more than 50 words. If more than 50 words submitted, they will be edited.)

Any additional information that you would like the review committee to know:

Every Pastor must be made aware of and approve every Nominee. **It is the Nominator's responsibility to obtain the Pastor's endorsement and signature and to submit it to the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry** via mail (One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903), fax (401)-278-4596 or a scanned copy sent electronically to YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org

***Required Signatures:**

Nominator: _____ Date: _____

I hereby endorse this nominee for the Companions on the Journey Award presented by the Diocese of Providence.

Nominee's Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Parish and City: _____

*Signatures may be faxed/mailed/emailed (scan in signature) to the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry (fax: 401-278-4596)

Mail: One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903

Email: YouthMinistry@DioceseofProvidence.org.

Please contact us with any questions/concerns.

Once you have completed the nomination form please check to insure you have remembered to:

- Complete every question thoroughly providing concrete, specific examples of how the nominee
 - inspires you and others as a Catholic Christian?
 - demonstrates moral integrity?
 - is involved in personal outreach and contributes to programs
 - exhibits Christian leadership
 - is involved beyond the school or parish
 - fulfills the criteria of the award

- Did you have nomination form signed by the nominee's pastor??? Please be certain NOT to ask the parish nominee to obtain that signature.

- Retain a copy of the nomination form for your records.

- Submit the form to the address listed on front page **no later than January 27, 2017.**

Once the nomination is received at the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry (OCYM) the following will take place.

- All nomination forms will be screened for completion and criteria (Catholic, has not received similar award in the past - For God and Youth Award, pastor signature; length of years of nominee's involvement; etc.)

- All eligible nominations will be copied, forwarded and reviewed by the Review Board and ranked on a three point scale for each of the questions. The Review Board will meet and select recipients.

For those who are chosen to receive the award the following will take place.

- All those receiving awards will be notified by regular mail directly by the OCYM no later than February 13, 2017. Detailed information as to procedure and attire will be included in the notification. A reply card will be included that must be returned by the date indicated.

- All nominators, and pastors will also be notified no later than February 13, 2017. Please note, if an e-mail address is provided by the nominator, the notification will be sent **electronically**. Nominators will also receive a copy of the recipient's notification letter. All nominators will be required to contact their recipient if reply is not made to the OCYM by February 24, 2017.

For those from either Category who are NOT chosen to receive the award the following will take place.

- All nominators, and pastors will be notified no later than February 13, 2017. Please note, if an e-mail address is provided by the nominator, the notification will be sent **electronically only**.