

*Communities of Salt and Light Award
for*

Humanitarianism

Philanthropy

The 2009 awards will be presented by The Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg at the Communities of Salt & Light Award Dinner on April 23, 2009. Awards will be given in the fields of humanitarianism (time and talent), philanthropy (treasure), and one to an outstanding human service organization (service and action). Candidates must meet the following criteria.

Criteria

The nominee for the Communities of Salt and Light Humanitarian and Philanthropic Awards must be currently living¹ (or headquartered) in the four-county Diocese of Greensburg (Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana, & Westmoreland). The nominee must be one of perseverance whose deeds are verifiable and exhibit a significant level ...

of time and talent (*for the humanitarian award*)

of treasure (*for the philanthropic award*)

of service and action (*outstanding human service organization*)

These good works can be either past or present, but must have been accomplished within the boundaries of the Greensburg Diocese. Their concern, whether wide ranging or specific, benefits human welfare and falls within the guidelines listed below.

The nominees must:

- * adhere to the Catholic Charities mission statement (attached)
- * have Gospel-centered motives
- * have a connection to the “Salt & Light” theology (preservation of families, inclusivity among races and cultures, clear moral vision and effective action, pursuit of peace and protection of lives)
- * advocate for systemic change
- * serve the marginalized and vulnerable, i.e., empowers the poor to live in dignity, provides for the poor and homeless, supports troubled youths, etc.

Selections will be made after a blind review by the Executive Committee of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees in conjunction with the Bishop using a calculated formula.

Deadline for all applications is November 28, 2008

¹ Post humus nominations will not be accepted

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MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, PA
rooted in the gospel and social teachings of the Church,
is the primary social service agency of the Diocese.
Our mission is to serve the human needs of individuals and
families,
regardless of their religious affiliation,
and to provide leadership in building collaborative efforts
with parishes and communities in addressing these needs.