



# National Catholic Youth Ministry Awards

*Presented by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry*

## What Is the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award?

The National Catholic Youth Ministry Award, sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, recognizes the significant and outstanding contributions made by women and men to the field of Catholic youth ministry. Awards are given in multiple categories, and are presented biennially at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. Not all categories are awarded each year.

**Complete Nominations Must Be Postmarked by March 31, 2010 to Qualify**

Use this form to nominate someone who you feel meets one of the category qualifications listed below.

## Award Categories

### Athletic/Camping/Special Population

A person who has made a significant contribution to youth ministry in the particular areas of athletics, camping, or particular populations (i.e. military, special needs, urban/rural ministry, etc.).

### Diocesan

A person who has made a significant contribution in youth ministry on a diocesan level and who has served as an outstanding model of service to others in youth ministry. A person who has served as a “keeper of the vision” for comprehensive youth ministry.

### Girl Scouts/Camp Fire/Boy Scouts

A person who has shown exemplary leadership in their work with Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, or Boy Scouts and has made a significant contribution to the vision, goals, and programs in the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Camp Fire organizations.

### Gospel Values of Justice and Peace



A person who provides models and programs to educate the church community in fulfilling its responsibility to educate youth for justice and to call young people to action on behalf of others. A person whose life models the Gospel values of justice and peace.

### Multicultural Gifts

A person who has made a significant contribution to youth ministry by recognizing the gifts and accomplishments we share as a multicultural church and has enabled others to share their gifts in the larger church. A person who has helped the church understand and call forth the giftedness of all, especially the young church.

### National

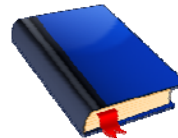
A person who has made a significant contribution in youth ministry on a national level impacting the field of youth ministry and/or the NFCYM. A person who has influenced the national church on behalf of the young church and/or those who serve in youth ministry.



### Performer/Artist

A person whose ministry through performance, music or artistic contributions has influenced the field of youth ministry.

### Publisher/Author



A person whose ministry through publication reflects a comprehensive vision of youth ministry and who has influenced the field of youth ministry through their creative contributions.

### Regional

A person who has made a significant contribution in youth ministry on a regional level impacting the regional structure of the NFCYM and/or serving as a model of collaboration with her/his neighboring dioceses.



### Trainer

A person who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of youth ministry skills and the professionalization of the field through innovative techniques, creative materials, and practical applications.

## Past Recipients of the National Youth Ministry Award



### 1990

- Mary DiFonzo
- Virginia Reed
- Brian Reynolds
- John Roberto
- Annette Turner

### 1992

- Irene Friend
- Modesto Garcia
- Robert Guglielmo
- Jeff Johnson
- Michael Warren

### 1994

- Thomas Bright (Gospel Values)
- Mary Jean Hart (Scouting)
- Paul Henderson (National)
- Colette Kennett (Regional/Diocesan)
- Bob McCarty (Trainer)
- Felipe Salinas (Multicultural)
- Tom Zanzig (Publisher/Author/Artist)

### 1996

- Peg Bowman (Multicultural)
- Michael Carotta (Trainer)
- Sandra Gay (National/Regional)
- Brian Johnson (Multicultural)
- Sheila McCarron (National)
- Sr. Helen Prejean (Gospel Values)
- Richard Reichart (Publisher/Author)
- Donrose Sharkey (Scouting)

### 1998

- Fr. George Clements (Gospel Values)
- Lorraine Grier (Scouting)
- Rose Mary Hood (National/Regional)
- Mike Moseley (Trainer)
- Leota Roesch (Multicultural)
- Fr. Bob Stamschror (Publisher/Author)
- William Tighe (Athletics/Camping)

### 2000

- Msgr. Michael Cherup (Regional)
- Marianne Collins (Athletics/Camping)
- Lynn Neu (Trainer)
- Mark Pacione (National)
- Rev. Michael Pflieger (Gospel Values)
- Dr. Merton Strommen (Publisher)
- Jack Thompson (Scouting)
- Sr. Bernadette Turgeon (Diocesan)

### 2002

- Eduardo Azcárate (Multicultural)
- Mark Butler (Gospel Values)
- Dorothy Cogswell (Scouting)
- Rev. Tom Dunne (Diocesan)
- Reynolds "Butch" Ekstrom (Trainer)
- Carole Goodwin (Diocesan)
- Manuel Hernandez, Jr. (Athletics)
- Marilyn Kielbasa (Publisher/Author)
- Charlotte McCorquodale (National)

### 2004

- John Abraham (Athletics/Camping)
- Mary Harrison (Diocesan)
- Dennis Kurtz (Regional)
- Sean Reynolds (Diocesan)
- Jeannette Rivet (Scouting)
- Greg "Dobie" Moser (Trainer)
- Joe Grant (Gospel Values)
- Luiz Milagros Ramos (Multicultural)
- Tom Tomaszek (Publisher/Author)

### 2006

- Joe McNesby (Athletics)
- Joyce Gillooly (Diocesan)
- Phyllis Willerscheidt (Girl Scout and Campfire)
- Jerry Goebel (Gospel Values of Justice and Peace)
- Rey Malave (Multicultural Gifts)
- Tom East (National Youth Ministry)
- Anna Scally (Performer/Artist)
- Sr. Kieran Sawyer (Author/Publisher)
- Pat Perillo (Regional)
- Mike Patin (Training)

### 2008

- Kate Cuddy (Performer/Artist)
- Rev. Joseph Hannon (Military)
- James Barrette (Diocesan)
- Helen Bencic (Scouting)
- Ted Miles (Gospel Values)
- Vince Guider (Multicultural)
- Sr. Eileen McCann, CSJ (National)
- Cheryl Tholcke (Regional)
- Frank Mercadante (Trainer)

## Nomination Process

Anyone wishing to nominate a person, or persons, for the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award, should complete this nomination form. Two letters of recommendation must also be submitted with the form. **The nomination and two letters of reference must be postmarked by March 31** and sent to the NFCYM office. All qualified nominations are forwarded to the Awards Task Group and Membership Management Committee for review. The Membership Management Committee submits the recommendations to the NFCYM Board of Directors for approval at the spring board meeting. A person who has been previously nominated may be nominated again through the completion of a new nomination form.

## Exemptions

Do not nominate anyone currently serving on the NFCYM Board of Directors or Membership Management Committee. The NFCYM board and staff, and members of the Membership Management Committee are exempt from submitting a nomination or recommendation.

## Notification Process

Award recipients receive written notification in mid/late summer and will receive the award during the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. The 2010 NCCYM will be hosted in New Orleans in December.

**Nomination Form (Must be postmarked by March 31, 2010.)**

PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION AND USE ADDITIONAL PAPER TO COMPLETE THIS FORM. To assist the committee in its selection, please be as thorough and comprehensive as possible in responding to these questions. Please, however, only respond to the questions below.

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

(Current NFCYM board members and members of the Membership Management Committee cannot be nominated. Please nominate a person only once and only in a single award category.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s) (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Award Category (Specify Only One) \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Setting \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service in Youth Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

How has this person been involved in youth ministry at the national, regional, or diocesan level?

What significant contributions has this person made to youth ministry?

How has this person served as a role model to other adults in youth ministry?

How has this person reflected and supported the vision of youth ministry in their particular area?

Please state why you feel this person should receive this national recognition/award.

Any other pertinent information about the nominee that should be taken into consideration?

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## Verification

In order to qualify for consideration, a nominee must have two letters of recommendation. These should specifically address reasons for selection of the nominee as well as verify the scope and extent of the nominee's youth ministry contributions. Those writing the letter of recommendation should be familiar with the accomplishments of the nominee, and may not include the nominator, the nominee, or any person related to the nominee. **Nominations with more than two letters of recommendation will not be considered.**

## NOMINATOR INFORMATION

A nomination can come from an individual, a region, and/or a group. Group nominations should also list a contact person who actually submitted the form—this will help in clarifying questions and confirming receipt of the nomination form.

Nominator's Name/Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese/Parish/School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s) (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Nomination (Month, Day, Year) \_\_\_\_\_

I am personally acquainted with the person nominated for this award and I endorse their nomination.

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

***NOTE: All materials must be postmarked by March 31, 2010 in order to be considered.***

Please send the completed form with two letters of recommendation by March 31, 2010 to:

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry

415 Michigan Avenue, NE—Suite 40

Washington, DC 20017

Attention: Matthew Robaszkiewicz—National Award Nominations

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