

Bishop Edward A. McCarthy Awards

The Office of Peace and Justice at Catholic Charities is accepting nominations for the second annual Bishop Edward A. McCarthy Awards, named in honor of the first Bishop of Phoenix and later Archbishop of Miami, who died in Florida on June 7, 2005. The Bishop McCarthy Leadership Awards will be given annually to local Catholic leaders who demonstrate a commitment to putting the Church's social teaching into action. Awards will be presented by Bishop Thomas Olmsted at a luncheon on **Tuesday, October 3, 2006** in the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Seven awards will be given to Catholics who demonstrate outstanding social justice leadership skills and experience in the categories of education, campus or youth ministry, human life and dignity, community mobilization, development of parish social ministry, excellence in liturgy, and lifetime achievement. For consideration, individuals must demonstrate a commitment to the values of human dignity, solidarity-building, participation and the preferential option for the poor, as articulated by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The Campaign for Human Development, founded by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1970, is the nation's largest private funder of projects that empower the poor and work to eliminate poverty and injustice. In the last 35 years, the Campaign has distributed nearly \$250 million in grants to more than 3,000 self-help projects nationwide.

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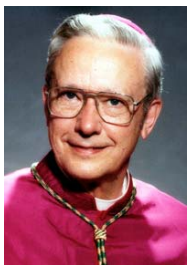
Nominations may be submitted for individuals under the following categories:

1. Excellence in social justice education.
2. Excellence in campus or youth ministry – social justice formation.
3. Outstanding contribution to the enhancement of human life and dignity.
4. Excellence in mobilization of communities to enact systemic changes.
5. Excellence in development of parish social ministry.
6. Excellence in liturgy reflecting social justice concerns.
7. Lifetime achievement award.

Individuals may be nominated for the award by a pastor, a parish staff member, an active Catholic parishioner, an ecumenical partner or a colleague. The person making the nomination should submit a one-page description of the work the nominee has done, giving specific examples of excellence in the relevant area. Due **September 8, 2006**. Winners will receive trophy awards.

To nominate: Choose a category from the categories above, provide the requested information, and submit nomination to Tricia Hoyt at the Office of Peace and Justice, 4747 N. 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85013. Fax (602) 285-0311. Phone: (602) 285-1999 ext. 3932 or 3940, or email at phoyt@cc-az.org.

About Bishop Edward A. McCarthy (1918-2005)



Most Reverend Edward A. McCarthy (1918-2005) was the first bishop of Phoenix. He is remembered by many as a gentle and pastoral man, a man whose dedication to the Church serves as an example for all. He was committed to social justice and human life, respect for life, and respect of and for people of all races, conditions, and ages. While Archbishop of Miami, he defended the rights of refugees, established a home for the homeless with AIDS, and challenged presidential administrations on their treatment of refugees from Haiti and Cuba.

A prolific author of pastoral letters, an advocate for activism by the laity and one who urged assistance to refugees and other people in need, Archbishop McCarthy became known in Florida for his commitment to evangelization. He stressed the need for lay Catholics to make a difference in the world, and year after year found ways to commit archdiocesan resources to a two-tiered evangelization effort: renewal of the church and outreach to the unchurched. In 1980, he launched a five-year program that resulted in evangelization committees being established in every parish.



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Nomination Form (deadline: September 8, 2006)

Choose One Category:

- ___ **Excellence in social justice education**
- ___ **Excellence in campus or youth ministry – social justice formation**
- ___ **Outstanding contribution to the enhancement of human life and dignity**
- ___ **Excellence in mobilization of communities to enact systemic changes**
- ___ **Excellence in development of parish social ministry**
- ___ **Excellence in liturgy reflecting social justice concerns**
- ___ **Lifetime achievement award**

I. NOMINEE

Name: _____ Title: (if any) _____
 Day Phone: () _____ Eve Phone: () _____
 Ministry Position & Parish: _____
 Home Mailing Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Email: (please print carefully) _____

II. NOMINATOR

Name: _____ Phone: () _____
 Title (if any) _____ Organization/Parish: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Relationship to nominee: _____ Email: _____

III. Please attach a one page recommendation of the nominee to this form based on the nomination criteria for each award provided in the following pages.

IV. Please provide 3 additional supporting references plus the nominee’s pastor:

- 1. Name _____ Phone _____
- 2. Name _____ Phone _____
- 3. Name _____ Phone _____
- 4. Pastor _____ Phone _____

Nominations can be sent via mail, email, or fax
 Tricia Hoyt, Office of Peace and Justice, 4747 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013
 -email: phoyt@cc-az.org; fax: 602-285-0311

AWARD NOMINATION CRITERIA

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Excellence in Social Justice Education

Describe the nominee's skills in the areas of leadership and education and how the nominee's skills have positively affected adults and/or families of the parish or school. Include how the nominee has enhanced yours or others' understanding of the church's teaching on our obligation to respond to the needs of the poor. Describe the ways in which the nominee, through his/her educational efforts, has raised awareness about poverty in the U.S. and the world. Where relevant, describe how nominee empowers families to advocate for themselves and on behalf of others in the neighborhood. Include, if possible, specific examples of educational activities in which the person has been engaged that addressed root causes of economic poverty and injustice. Describe how the nominee's Catholic faith plays a role in the activities mentioned above.

Excellence in Youth/Campus Ministry - Social Justice Formation

Describe how the nominee's skills in the areas of leadership and ministry have positively affected the youth of the parish or school. Include how the nominee has enhanced yours or others' understanding of the church's teaching on our obligation to respond to the needs of the poor. Include how the nominee has raised young peoples' awareness of the issue of poverty in the U.S. and the world. Include how the nominee has provided opportunities for youth to work with and for vulnerable populations, especially the poor. Include, if relevant, specific presentations or programs the nominee has used to raise awareness of the root causes of poverty. Include, if relevant, the nominee's innovative approaches to poverty education, including the use of the arts. Describe how the nominee's Catholic faith plays a role in the activities mentioned above.

Outstanding Contribution to Enhancement of Human Life and Dignity

Describe the nominee's leadership skills and values with respect to human life. Specifically, how the nominee's skills and values have enhanced the dignity of human life. Describe the programs with which the nominee has been involved, and how those programs enhance human life. Include where possible specific examples of activities in which the person has been engaged that addressed the root causes of economic poverty and injustice. Include, where possible, specific examples of activities in which the person has been engaged that show a commitment to human life and dignity from conception until natural death. Describe how the nominee's Catholic faith plays a role in the activities mentioned above.

Excellence in Mobilization of Communities to Enact Systemic Change

Describe the systemic change(s) that have taken place, or are taking place, as a result of the nominee's leadership or involvement. Include how the nominee has established, or is helping to establish a solid foundation to ensure that the change(s) will continue to work and bring about justice. Include specific examples of activities in which the person has been engaged that addressed the root causes of economic poverty and injustice. Include specific examples of how the nominee mobilized community effort for positive change. Include specific examples of how the nominee empowers families to advocate for themselves and on behalf of others in the neighborhood. Describe how the nominee's Catholic faith plays a role in the activities mentioned above.

Excellence in Development of Parish Social Ministry

Describe the nominee's work to develop social ministry in his or her parish, specifically in one or more of the following areas: awareness of domestic poverty issues, global solidarity, advocating for legislative change or partnership with Catholic Charities' programs, or in all of the above. Describe the parish community's response to the nominee's efforts. Describe the nominee's efforts to build relationships and foster partnerships within the community via neighbors, volunteers, parishes, or other community structures. Describe how the nominee connects families to the resources they need to succeed and raise healthy and successful children. Include specific examples of activities in which the person has been engaged that addressed the root causes of economic poverty and injustice. Describe how the nominee's Catholic faith plays a role in the activities mentioned above.

Excellence in Liturgy Reflecting Social Justice Concerns

Include specific examples of how the nominee, through prayer and / or liturgy, mobilized community effort for positive systemic change. Describe, if possible, one specific liturgy in which the nominee's efforts helped reflect social justice. Describe the parish response to this liturgy, and how it helped establish a growing awareness of social justice issues. Include, if possible, examples of intercessory prayers, homilies or other liturgical occasions which drew attention to the root causes of economic poverty and injustice, the need for global solidarity, or advocacy. Describe how the nominee's Catholic faith plays a role in the activities mentioned above.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Describe the nominee's leadership skills and social justice experience with the parish, school, university, or organization. Include areas of lasting impact that the nominee has had, especially in reference to the Church's teaching on our obligation to respond to the needs of the poor. Include specific examples of activities in which the person has been engaged that addressed root causes of economic poverty and injustice. Describe how the nominee's Catholic faith plays a role in the activities mentioned above.