

## **St. Teresa School Board Awards and Recognition**

### **Honoring Excellence in Catholic Education**

**What are the Awards and who is eligible?** Four awards to honor individuals at St. Teresa School that demonstrate excellence in Catholic education. Nominations are requested for the following:

Heart of St. Teresa Awards, one for Academic Excellence and a second for Faith Formation:

- Full-time teachers and staff at St. Teresa School.
- A teacher is eligible to win the award one time in every three year period.
- Recipients of the past 3 years include:

One Volunteer of the Year Award

- Parents of Students or Parishioners at St. Teresa.
- A volunteer is eligible to win the award one time in every three year period.
- Recipients of the past three years include:

One Distinguished Alumni Award

- A graduate of St. Teresa School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- An alumnus is eligible to win the award one time only.
- Past recipients include:

**Who can nominate someone for an award?** Students, parents, parishioners, school teachers and staff full or part time. An individual may nominate only one person for the award each year. Teachers may not nominate themselves, but may nominate a colleague. A teacher's eligibility status will be reviewed prior to the nomination being submitted to the selection panel. Students and individuals 18 years old or younger, require a parent or guardian sign and date the completed nomination form. Parents submitting a nomination on a child's behalf, may submit only one nomination for each child.

**What are the criteria and processes for selecting the Awarded teachers?** The Mission Effectiveness committee of the St. Teresa school board will collect nominations and present a nomination ballot to the school board, and the board will vote on and select the recipients at a regularly scheduled meeting. Nominations will be presented to the board without the nominee's name or the name of the individual who nominated on the ballot. Deadline for nominations is March 15<sup>th</sup>. The awardee demonstrates the following traits and actions:

*Heart of St. Teresa Award for Academics:*

- Inspires students
- Understands and encourages talents helping build confidence
- Knows subject matter and shares it effectively
- Demonstrates leadership in professional development
- Fosters cooperative relationships with colleagues

*Heart of St. Teresa Award for Faith Formation:*

- Inspires students
- Leads by example positive Catholic values

- Contributes to the school community outside the classroom
- Integrates the Catholic traditions and faith formation
- Fosters cooperative relationships with colleagues

*Volunteer of the Year:*

- Offers any or all of time, talent and treasure to better our school, its teachers and students.
- Is an example positive Catholic values
- Builds cooperative relationships with parents, teachers and staff

*Distinguished Alumni:*

- Lives an example of the positive Catholic values instilled by our school
- Has made a contribution to our school in time talent or treasure
- Has made a significant accomplishment in academics or evangelism

**Awards and Recognition Event:** The Award will be presented at the school Board's recognition event in April annually. The winner will receive a plaque and gift certificate in recognition of his or her achievements. There may also be individual(s) who receive an honorable mention.