



February 2017

Dear Director of Religious Education,

At the 2016 Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention, the Father John M. Sebahar Servant Leadership Award was established as a tribute of gratitude to Father Sebahar for his many years of spiritual guidance and support to the council.

This award will present \$500 to a high school senior boy and a senior girl planning to attend a college or university this coming fall. The student must be nominated by a Religious Education Director or Youth Minister from a parish in the Joliet Diocese. The nominee must have displayed outstanding Christian Service to his or her parish and community throughout their high school years.

We ask that you present this nomination form to High School seniors from your parish that would be interested in applying for this award.

The award will be presented annually at an awards evening with a Mass and Reception.

Attached is the information, requirements and deadline date to complete the nomination form for a qualified senior boy and/or girl from your parish.

If you have any questions, please contact the JDCCW office at: 815-221-6249

Yours in Our Lady of Good Counsel,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maureen St. Peter".

Maureen St. Peter
Chairperson

Mary Ann Franson, Jane Granger, Kathy Manahan, Alice Ramien, Lorraine Schuller
Father John M. Sebahar Servant Leadership Award Committee

Father John M. Sebahar Servant Leadership Award

The Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has established the Father John M. Sebahar Servant Leadership Award to thank our Spiritual Advisor, Reverend John M. Sebahar, and to honor him for his many years of faithful service and support of the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The award also recognizes Father Sebahar's pastoral care and his encouragement of the call to Christian service in our young women and men.

Two annual awards of \$ 500.00 each will be given to one young woman and one young man residing in the Diocese of Joliet.

Nominations must be submitted using the attached **Nomination Form**.

AWARD CRITERIA

Nominees should meet the following criteria:

*Practicing Catholic in the Diocese of Joliet

*Current high school senior who will be entering college in the fall of 2017, following high school graduation (nominations are not limited to students attending Catholic high schools nor to those planning to attend Catholic colleges).

*Applicant must demonstrate outstanding voluntary Christian service. (Please see the attached Nomination form to be completed by the Applicant as well as the other required information and documents.)

*A young woman or man, who was awarded the Father Sebahar Servant Leadership Award in a previous year, cannot be nominated.

*Application must be made through a parish in the Diocese of Joliet.

*Awards will be presented on Monday May 22, 2017, at the Blanchette Catholic Center.

*Selection will be made by a committee of the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

NOMINATION DEADLINE and PROCESS

Nominations open: February 13, 2017

Deadline for submission: April 14, 2017

The Nomination Form and any attachment should be sent to:

The Father John M. Sebahar Award Committee
c/o JDCCW President
Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

OR via email-iddccwpresident@dioceseofjoliet.org

**Mailed or emailed ALL required information must be received in JDCCW office by
5:00 p.m. Central Time April 14, 2017**

Nomination Form

Candidate Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Male _____ Female _____

Parents (or Guardian) Father _____ Mother _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ email _____

I am a practicing Catholic at _____ Parish
_____ City

I am a senior at _____ High School

I plan to further my education at _____

Please attach the following:

List of parish and community activities you have been actively involved in Christian Service.

Write and attach a short essay on what you have done while involved in these Christian Service Activities. Conclude your essay by telling how this service has helped develop you as the person you are today.

Letter from your DRE, or Youth Minister verifying involvement and recommendation for receiving this award.

Letter of recommendation from your Parish Pastor.

Forms may be duplicated.