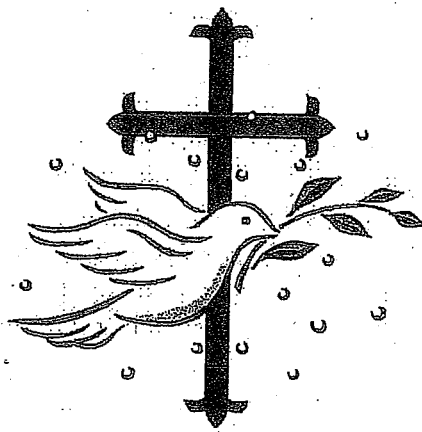
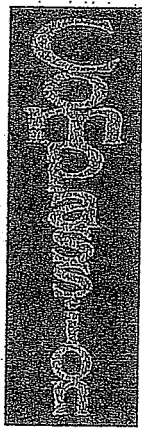


The Sister Patricia Geary, CSJ
Christian Service
Award 2018



Presented to _____ in recognition of all that you have done to reflect the values and ideals most exemplified by Sister Pat Geary. As a living example of Christian faith in action, you have selflessly given of yourself to promote and facilitate Christian service to others, the social mission of the church, and a call to respect the dignity of all people.

Your dedication to these ideals is an inspiration to the entire community of Saint Augustine's Parish.

You have truly "Lit the Darkness"
with the candle of Christian love.

Sister Patricia Geary, CSJ

Sr. Pat Geary was born in Utica, NY in 1934. She attended St. Agnes Grammar School and Utica Catholic Academy. Upon graduation from UCA she joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and was a religious for 46 years until her death in the Spring of 1998. Over the years she served in the Albany and Syracuse areas as an educator, administrator, pastoral associate, Director of the Diocesan Formation for Ministry Program and Provincial Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Sr. Pat began her ministry at St. Augustine's in 1990. She quickly became a catalyst for growth and change for the parish as a whole and for the many parishioners who worked with her. She instituted a revised RCIA process that had a great influence on those preparing for Christian Initiation. She restructured the Pastoral Council by creating Standing Committees to increase communication. When the Pastoral Center was planned she accepted the responsibility for a fund raising program that emphasized community building while raising money.

Sister Pat was a woman of great faith. She was gifted with wisdom and insight. These gifts, along with her strength and strong convictions, allowed her to lead others to recognize their gifts. She offered a challenge to use these gifts to the fullest potential ("stretching" as she termed it) to minister to God's people.

Sister Pat believed in the dignity of each person. She advocated for the rights of all, especially women in the Church and society. She raised the consciousness level of each person of the need for social justice and compassion for all regardless of their position in life.

As a leader, she educated and called each person to recognize and live out their baptismal commitment, as she herself lived out her commitment in service to others.

The parishioner who is selected will be presented with an award recognizing the values exemplified by Sister Pat: Christian service to others, a call to respect the dignity of all people and a call to participate in the social mission of the church. This person's service may be either at St. Augustine's itself or in the community-at-large. The parishioner's name will also be inscribed on the permanent plaque in the Sister Pat Geary Gathering Room. In addition, \$1,000.00 from our parish tithing will be given to a non-profit agency of the parishioner's choice that espouses the above values.

Eligibility: The individual must be a registered parishioner of St. Augustine's.

Sister Patricia Geary, CSJ Christian Service Award
Nomination Form

Name of person you are nominating: _____
(must be a member of St. Augustine's Parish)

Nominee's home telephone number: _____

Nominee's address: _____

Approximately how long have you known this person? _____

I am nominating this person for the Sister Patricia Geary Christian Service Award because: _____

How does this person exemplify the values personified by Sr. Pat, namely
a.) The Gospel mandate to Christian Service to others? _____

b.) The social mission of the church _____

Please list specific examples. _____

Please attach additional sheets of paper if needed

c.)A call to respect the dignity of all people. _____

Please list specific examples. _____

Approximately how long has this person been involved in Christian Service? _____

How has this person inspired you personally? _____

Your name: _____

Your telephone number:(Daytime) _____ (Evenings) _____

This form is due by March 14, 2018 by 4:00PM
Award will be presented at the 5:15 Mass, March 24, 2018

Please mail to:
Selection Committee
St. Augustine's Pastoral Center
7333 O'Brien Road
Baldwinsville, N Y 13027