

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY AWARD 2010 NOMINATION FORM

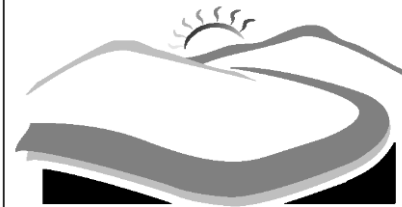
The **Companions on the Journey Award** is the highest adult recognition sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. It is given annually in the Diocese of Providence to Catholic adults who have been active members in parish, school, and/or diocesan activities for youth for at least **ten years**. The demonstrated criteria for this award are:

- Excellence in youth ministry
- Commitment to young people
- Outstanding leadership at the local and/or diocesan level
- Commitment to on-going education and formation
- Longevity in ministry

In the Diocese of Providence a maximum of one award per deanery (or 12 overall in parish category) and one award per Catholic high school are awarded each year.

*But how can they call on him
in whom they have not believed?
And how can they believe in him
of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear
without someone to preach?
And how can people preach
unless they are sent?
As it is written,
How beautiful are the feet
of those who bring [the] good news!*

Romans 10:14-15



ALL Nominations must be received at the Office for Comprehensive Youth Ministry by: **Friday, December 17, 2010**

Awards presented: **Sunday, March 6, 2011 – 1:00pm Cathedral**

NOTE: All information must be completed and on time to be considered.

(All forms & more available electronically at www.ymcyoprov.org)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Please Mail or Fax your nominations to:
Office for Comprehensive Youth Ministry
One Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 02903-3695
Fax: (401) 831-1947

Deanery: _____

Name of Nominee: _____ Catholic H.S.: _____

Nominee Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominee Phone Number: _____ Gender: Female Male

Nominated by: _____ Nominator Phone Number: _____

Nominator Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominee Parish: _____ Pastor: _____

Parish Address/City: _____ Parish Phone Number: _____

Pastor Signature: _____ Date: _____

[For Catholic High School nominees] Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NOMINATOR:

- Nominations may be submitted by: Pastors, Parish Staff, School Staff, Parishioners, Members of the School Community.
- Multiple nominations for a person will be judged together.
- Answers to the essay questions listed on this form are the **ONLY** material used for judging. Please give specific examples and be thorough. (An excerpt of your answer to question #6 may appear in print should your nominee be selected as a recipient.)
- Use the back of this form (and additional paper, if necessary) to answer the essay questions about the person you are nominating. In order to assist the Review Committee, give as much information as possible, in order to assist the Review Committee. If nominating an adult in the Catholic High School Category, please note non-mandatory activities/service.
- This award is not geared toward quantitative hours of service, but to the integrity of the individual and how well he or she is perceived as an outstanding Catholic Christian.
- Please have the **nominee's pastor (and Catholic high school principal for the Catholic High School category) sign the completed form**. *Nominations are to be treated as confidential*. Please **do not** inform the nominee, nominee's family, or members of the parish community of the nomination.

You may call 401-278-4626 if you have any questions.

Use additional paper if necessary (please reference the number of the question in your answers) – the evaluation criteria used by the review committee to rank the questions is based on the following point scale:

0=answer did not address question

1=answer offers minimal evidence

2=answer relates moderate evidence

3=answer provides substantial evidence

Please provide as much specific and detailed information as possible. Listing evidence and supporting testimony is vital.

Please indicate **number of years** of nominee's involvement with youth (ministry) _____

1. Describe the particular Catholic virtues that characterize this person. *[For example: ...prayerful, humble, hospitable, patient, compassionate, kind, considerate, etc.]*

2. In what ways does this person **demonstrate commitment to ministry to and for youth** in the parish or Catholic School?
[For example: ... invites youth to participate in the life of the parish, is present to youth, serves as a coach]

3. Describe this person's **[Christian] Leadership skills**, with and for youth.
[For example ...has served on Religious Education board for 6 years faithfully attending monthly meetings and coordinating...]

4. List any **Diocesan (including Youth Center) / Regional / National Ministry Involvement** by the nominee (i.e. participation in conferences, committees, organizations such as MADD, Human Life Guild, Workcamp, Search)

5. [***This will be used for the descriptive text of the award winner in the awards booklet. In order to be fair to all recipients the available space is limited to only two sentences – no more than 50 words.*] If you could sum up your reason for nominating this person in **only two** sentences what would you say?

Nominator signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominator's relationship to nominee: _____

Once you have completed the nomination form please check to insure you have remembered to:

- Complete every question thoroughly providing concrete, specific examples of how the nominee
 - inspires you and others as a Catholic Christian?
 - demonstrates moral integrity?
 - is involved in personal outreach and contributes to programs?
 - exhibits Christian leadership?
 - is involved beyond the school or parish?
 - fulfills the criteria of the award?

- Did you have nomination form signed by the nominee's pastor??? *Please be certain NOT to ask the nominee to obtain that signature.*

- If a Catholic School nominee, did you have nomination form signed by the principal or president of the school???

- Retain a copy of the nomination form for your records.

- Submit the form to the address listed on front page **no later than December 17, 2010.**

Once the nomination is received at the Office for Comprehensive Youth Ministry (OCYM) the following will take place.

- All nomination forms will be screened for completion and criteria (is Catholic, has not received similar award in the past like Eagle or For God and Youth Award; age criteria; pastor signature; length of years for Companions Award nominees; etc.)
- All eligible nominations will be copied, forwarded and reviewed by the Review Board and ranked on a three point scale for each of the five questions. Review Board will meet and select recipients.

For those who are chosen to receive the award the following will take place.

- All those receiving awards (and if youth, their parents) will be notified by regular mail directly by the OCYM by no later than January 31, 2011. Detailed information as to procedure and attire will be included in the notification. A reply card will be included that must be returned by the date indicated.

- All nominators, pastors, and principals will be notified as well by no later than January 31, 2011. Please note, if an e-mail address is provided by the nominator, the notification will be sent **electronically**. Nominators will also receive a copy of the recipient's notification letter. All nominators will be required to contact their recipient if reply is not made to the OCYM by February 25, 2011.

For those from either Category who are NOT chosen to receive the award the following will take place.

- All nominators, pastors, and principals will be notified as well by no later than January 31, 2011. Please note, if an e-mail address is provided by the nominator, the notification will be sent **electronically**.