



DIocese OF DALLAS

October 21, 2011

Office of the Bishop

Dear Father,

The Diocese of Dallas is blessed by the good works of many lay men and women who give countless hours in service to the Church. It is important for us to recognize these unsung heroes for their significant contributions, and offer our thanks. With this in mind, I am establishing the *Bishop's Award for Service to the Church* to be awarded annually beginning in the spring of 2012. The award will take the form of a bronze medallion with the crest of the Diocese of Dallas on a green and gold ribbon to be worn around the neck. A certificate will also be presented.

The Bishop's Award will be presented to two lay people from each parish in the diocese at a special Mass at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe to be followed by a reception in the Cathedral Grand Salon. In addition to those from parishes, other lay men and women may receive the reward for their work in non-parish activities.

Please nominate two lay people from your parish to be considered for the Bishop's Award. Please keep in mind the following criteria:

- They must be lay volunteers who have given long and faithful service to the Church at the parish and/or the diocesan level. Employees of the Church are not eligible for this award.
- Nominees should be practicing Catholics, well known for their virtuous, public witness to the Catholic faith.
- The recommendation must contain specific evidence and examples of the nominee's long and faithful service.
- A *curriculum vitae* of the nominee must accompany the nomination.
- Nominees should not be informed of their nomination until the awards are announced.

Please give this your serious consideration. Nominations should be sent no later than December 1, 2011 to:
Bishop's Awards
P.O. Box 190507
Dallas, TX 75219

Thank you for your cooperation.

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.
Bishop of Dallas