



TO: All Ministries, Parishes and Schools of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

FROM: Cindy O'Connor, Executive Director, Catholic Charities

RE: **2022 Matthew 25 YOUTH Humanitarian Award Nominations**
(Students ages 14 to 18 years old, must still be a high school student)

DATE: **March 16th, 2022**

Annually, Catholic Charities requests Middle and High School student nominees to recognize for the **Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award**. Each awardee will be honored at the Catholic Charities Annual Recognition Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA.

Are you aware of a young person whose service to others reflects the spirit of Jesus's words in Matthew 25 and is worthy of recognizing? Please consider nominating someone from your parish/church, your community, or your school who demonstrates the mission of Catholic Charities, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. 'Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25: 35-36, 40

This award is given to students for demonstrating exceptional service to their communities, especially service to the poor and needy. **This service must be "above and beyond" required school community service hours and service as a parish altar server.** Award winners will receive a monetary prize and a plaque recognizing their achievements. The award winners, their parents and the person nominating the student will be invited to attend the Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 as our guests.

To make a nomination, please complete the attached nomination form and a narrative sharing the highlights of the recommendation and return no later than **Friday, April 8th, 2022 (no exceptions):**

By email: coconnor@dioceseaj.org

By fax: (814) 941-2677

By USPS Mail: Catholic Charities, Inc.
Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award
P.O. Box 1349
Altoona, PA 16603-1349

Thank you for all that you do to support the children and families in our diocesan communities. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me at the (814) 317-2621. Thank you for all that you do to support the mission of Catholic Charities and those in need within our communities.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, seeks to uphold the dignity of each person as made in the image and likeness of God. We answer the call of the people of central Pennsylvania by providing caring and compassionate services to persons and families in need, informing the community about critical social issues, and advocating for policies that enhance human dignity and ensure basic human rights.



**MATTHEW 25 YOUTH HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Youth Nomination Form – 2022**

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Name of Student: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Student's Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ **Age:** _____

Please attach a narrative highlighting **how** this youth nominee has made a significant commitment to service within our diocesan community (*Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset counties*), and why they should be considered to receive the Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian award.

Recommended by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Parish/School/Agency: _____

Position: _____

All nomination must be submitted no later than **Friday, April 8th, 2022 (no exceptions)**.
Please choose your method of submission:

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Outstanding Parish Volunteer Award
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