

Office of Faith Formation
Archdiocese of San Francisco

Pius X Awards & Dinner



Honoring Catechists,
Parish Catechetical Leaders and Youth Leaders

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco
May 4, 2023



Pius X Awards

Years of Service in Catechetical Ministry

- Catechists
- Parish Catechetical Leaders
- Youth Service Award

Special Awards — Certification of Completion

- Foundational Training Course for
Parish Catechetical Leaders

Program

Welcome & Greetings — Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, SSS

Meal Blessing—Deacon Fred Totah
Director, Department of Pastoral
Ministry
Archdiocese of San Francisco

Dinner

Remarks — Laura Bertone
Director of the Office of Worship

Blessing of the Awards — Deacon Fred Totah

Presentation of the Awards— Deacon Fred Totah
and OOFF Staff:
Anelita Reyes
Raul Lara
Claudia Atilano
Sr. Celeste Arbuckle

Presentation of Awards

N.B. To facilitate ease in the presentation of the awards, only the names of awardees who are present at the dinner tonight shall be read by the staff of the Office of Faith Formation.

The Pius X Awards is presented to those who have given generous years of service in forming adults, youth and children as disciples of Jesus Christ through catechetical ministry in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

FIVE YEARS

San Francisco County

Corpus Christi Church

Connie Ramos Custodio

Mission Dolores Church

Sean Harvey

Eddie Posadas

Serena Fong

St. John the Evangelist Church

Linda Catalano

Isabel Olivares

St. Brendan Church

Merry Jean Chan

Mary Spellman Brady 7 years

San Mateo County

Church of the Good Shepherd

Lorna Poespowidjojo

Holy Angels Church

Sister Merle Lebaquin, O.P. Alice

Paz Grimes

Mater Dolorosa Church

Lenie Alvarez

Isabel Aguirre

Our Lady of Angels Church

Margaux Ty

Richard Rabara

St. Augustine Church

Matthew Diaz

St. Bruno Church

Sini Lehauli
Mike Osborne 7 years

St. Dunstan Church

Marvin Laubacher

St. Matthew Church

Angela Alvarez
Margarita Martinez 6 years
Miroslava Solmeron 6 years
Saribel Velilla 6 years
Renee Fisher 6 years
Josie Omolayole 8 years

St. Raymond Church

Lauren Destino-Gross
Gabriel Sanchez
Kelly Powers
Mark Powers

TEN YEARS

San Francisco County

St. Boniface Church

Vy-Anh Le 12 years
Quy Nguyen 12 years

St. Brendan Church

Liza Catubig-Bonpin
Christina Bui 12 years

St. Monica/St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Bonnie Wong

Marin County

St. Patrick, Larkspur

Chris Miloslavich

San Mateo County

St. Augustine Church

Narcisa Patio
Annette Belmessieri

St. Bruno Church

Lourdes Serratos 11 years

Holy Angels Church

Regina Morabe

Jerome Luna

Dulce Paradero

Ella De Peralta

Our Lady of Angels

Beth Maxwell

St. Matthew Church

Maria Torres

St. Raymond Church

Thomas Sullivan

Sr. Judith Roach

FIFTEEN YEARS

San Francisco County

St. Brendan Church

Stacey Simpson 16 years

St. Boniface Church

Martha Nguyen

St. John the Evangelist Church

Ana Castillo

Aura Escoto

St. Monica-Thomas the Apostle Church

Agnes Tung

Marin County

St. Patrick, Larkspur

Terry Lee

Joe Meylan

San Mateo County

St. Augustine Church

Noel Panelo

Noemi Diaz

St. Bruno Church

Yolanda Ojeda

Holy Angels Church

Aurora Arellano

Our Lady of Angels Church

Ana Lyons

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Demetria Barrozo

St. Raymond

Timothy Harris

TWENTY YEARS

San Francisco County

St. Boniface Church

Loi Huynh

St. John the Evangelist Church

America Romero

Marin County

St. Sebastian Church

Tom Harris

San Mateo County

St. Augustine Church

Linda F. Gamboa

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Mary Fox

TWENTY FIVE YEARS

San Francisco County

Corpus Christi Church

Yamilet Gudiel Ortega

St Monica- St. Thomas the Apostle
Church

Isabelle Molloy

Teresa Lai

Marin County

St. Sebastian Church

Marian Previtali

San Mateo County

St. Augustine Church

Cynthia Lozano

Khay Acosta

Lillian Mutas

Our Lady of Angels

Dorene Campanile

St. Veronica Church

Sandra Zicke

Andy Murney (RIP)

THIRTY YEARS

St. Veronica Church

Lorna Feria

Bud Feria

Church of the Good Shepherd

Barbara Molinari

St. Elizabeth Church

Laurie Digneo

FORTY YEARS

St. Augustine Church

Nerissa Broas

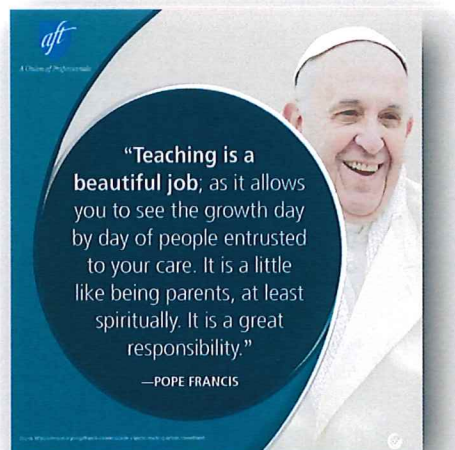
St. Veronica Church

Joan Thelen

FORTY EIGHT YEARS

St. Augustine Church

Eleanor Breite



"I am well aware of your commitment to the transmission of faith. You come from many different (parishes) and are the sign of the Church's responsibility toward many people: children, young people and adults who ask to carry out a journey of faith."

Pope Francis address to participants in the Third International Congress of Catechists



The Parish Catechetical Leader Award (PCL Award) is presented to directors and coordinators of parish faith formation programs who have the responsibility to foster a high level of competency in Catholic formation in the Archdiocese of San Francisco at the

parish or deanery level. With their professional skills, these directors and coordinators also provide efficient administration of the parish faith formation program and supervision and training of catechists .

Lourdes Yniguez Gallo , All Souls Church
5 years

Margarita Mena , St. Boniface Church
5 years

Neriann I. Miranda , St. Raymond Church
5 years

Robyn Lang , Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary 5 years

Sr. Delia Obenza, OP, Holy Angels Church
10 years

Deacon Ferdinand Mariano , St. Patrick Church, SF , RCIA Director
10 years

Teresita Contreras, St. Matthew Church
13 years

Rodrigo Castillo, St. John the
Evangelist Church 15 years

Zulma Telles, St. Boniface Church,
15 years

Gretchen Harris, St. Sebastian Church
20 years

Teresa Navarro, St. Bruno Church
20 years

Maria Rosales Uribe , Mission Dolores
38 Years

Sonia Urquilla, St. John the
Evangelist Church, Assistant DRE
40 years



*"The Church feels the duty of forming its
catechist in the art of personal accompaniment,
both by proposing to them the experience of
being accompanied in order to grow in
discipleship, and by enabling them and
sending them to accompany the brothers and
sisters"*

Directory for Catechesis 4:3:C

**God is the giver of youth and
He is at work in the life of
each young person. Youth is a
blessed time for the young and
a grace for the Church and for
the world.
It is joy, a song of hope and a
blessing. –**

*Pope Francis, Christus
Vivit, 2019*



Youth Service Award

This award is
presented to high school
seniors who have
exemplified a strong
dedication to serve in parish catechetical
programs and services.

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Michael Ladcani

Gavin Grivas

Corpus Christi Church

Sandra Gabriela Ramos Chavez

Our Lady of Angels Church

Mimi Cacciato

Gieselle Castillo

Arriana Cruz

Emily Geraghty

Emma Hanson

Nancy Santizo-Teista

Ashley Witherspoon

St. Charles Church

Augustin Scherrer

St. Raymond Church

JohnPaul Mitiguy

Adrian Reynold Wilson

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Michael Ladcani

Michael has been a consistent altar server for many years, saying "yes" to extra services. He has also helped out with

various functions at the parish. We are grateful for his continued presence.

Gavin Grivas

Gavin began ministry at the parish while in grade school as an altar server and lead altar server for many years. He now serves as a Sunday usher. We are honored to have him share his gifts with the IHM community

Corpus Christi Church

Sandra Gabriela Ramos Chavez

Gaby has been a regular altar server at our parish for the past 4 years and has rarely missed any Sunday. She's even Recruited some of her friends. She has been helping as a volunteer at our Faith formation Program on Saturdays since COVID. She has been a leader and organizer for the activities for our Summer Camp program for the past two summers and will continue this summer.

Our Lady of Holy Angels, Burlingame

Mini Cocciato

She has been active in the parish since she was confirmed in 9th grade by leading retreats, as well as being part of our service leadership team all 4 years of High School. She plays an active role in bringing youth into the community and leading youth groups.

Gieselle Castillo

She is an active retreat leader and part of our service and leadership team. She also serves as a reader and a choir member at Sunday Masses. She has also directed retreats here and inspired so many youths by leading in their faith.

Ariana Cruz

She has been an active member of our Youth Ministry since her Confirmation through leading OLA retreats and Arch-diocesan retreats. She has also served on our SALT leadership team for the past 4 years. She has used her gifts and strengths to promote our Youth Ministry as a whole and has helped inspire other

youth to participate in ministry and service at Mass.

Ashlyn Witherspoon

She is active in our Confirmation retreats, and she was part of our service and leadership team. She has been a retreat director for various retreats, and she does an amazing job teaching others what their faith can mean. She has inspired so many of our newly confirmed to take action in their faith.

Emily Geraghty

She has been an active youth since her 7th grade by being a retreat leader and part of our service and leadership team. In her time here, she has been a retreat director for a couple of our retreats. She is also active in participating in the Mass as a reader on Sundays for our youth Mass.

Emma Hanson

For the last 2 years, she has been a leader for all the retreats we've had at OLA. She is part of our service leadership team and helps us plan fundraisers for

the ministry. She is also a teacher's assistant for our Confirmation program.

Nancy Santizo-Teista

She is an active leader for our confirmation retreats. She participates in youth events outside of our parish and is able to bring others to have a new experience of what their faith can be like. She helps lead youth groups and is a great example of what it means to lead like Christ.

St. Charles, San Carlos

Augustin Scherrer

Augustin Scherrer has been my assistant at 4th Grade Religious Ed for 2 years. He has consistently helped by relating to the students his faith and his anticipation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. He always enjoys reading the Scripture and engaging the students in various activities to deepen their knowledge about their Catholic heritage. The students really love having someone closer to them in age and it inspires them to learn about religion. He will be off to college soon and is sure to

continue to share his faith with others. I am honored to nominate him for the catechetical award. *(by Robert Farkas)*

St. Raymond, Menlo Park

JohnPaul Mitiguy

He is service oriented and loves the Eucharist. He serves as a student catechist for Religious Education. He assists in Children Liturgy. He also volunteers for office support and leads the Sunday parish fellowship. He is involved with the parish Youth Ministry.

Adriana Reynold Wilson

He is very driven and dedicated. He helps as student catechist for Religious Education. He serves as a cantor and choir member. He is involved with the parish Youth Ministry.

Special Awards Certification of Completion

“the single most critical factor in an effective parish catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained parish catechetical leader.” (NDC, Chapter 8 No. 5)



Foundational Training
Certification is given to those who have completed the year-long formation on the ministry of

parish catechetical leadership, and orientation and instructions on the basics of organization, management and administration of parish catechetical and faith formation programs.

Jacob Tolentino — CRE

St. Bartholomew Church

Delenne Franco — Youth Minister,

St. Dunstan Church

Dan Veto — DRE, St. Anselm Church

RenaeLeen Ricasata — CRE, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Laurrie Digneo — DRE, St. Elizabeth Church

The Director's Award

is given to those individuals who have served the needs of the catechetical community in the Archdiocese of San Francisco in a special way outside of their ordinary ministry to the Church.

2023

Find out tonight!

2022

Sr. Nona Barairo, SFCC

2021 - 2018

None

2017

Rev. Raymund Reyes

2016

John Norris

Laura Bertone

Sr. Maria Elena Martinez, OSF

2015

Most Rev. Robert McElroy

Rev. Paul Gawloski, OFM

Rev. Tommy King, OFM

Toni Johnson

2014

Sandra Zicke

Pam Lucero**2013**

Most Rev. William Justice

2012

None

2011

Patrick Vallez-Kelly

2010

Joe Hanna

Mary Ann Finch

Msgr. Harry Schlitt

2009

Rev. Mario Farana
Re. Daniel Macguire
Sr. Ma. Rafaela Ojeda Aguilar, CFP
Rev. John O'Neill

2008

Kathy Lange
Sr. Norberta Villaseñor, OSF
Brian F. Cahill
Sr. Dee Myers, BVM

2007

Rev. Dave Pettingill
Sr. Olive Kingsbury, RVM
Sr. Ma. Avelina Macalam, RVM
Kathleen Lorentz
Sergio Vasquez

2006

Sr. Mary O'Donnell, PBVM
May Lyau
Kathy Jones
Jackie Guzman
Pat Sack

2005

None

2004

Rev. Gerald Coleman, SS
Rev. Francis Buckley, SJ
Cathy Collins
Sr. Mary Peter Travis, OP

2001

Sr. Maria dela Cruz Aymes
Rev. John Ryan
Mary Tan



Pius X Director Award 2011
Patrick Vallez-Kelly with friends
Magdalena Hernandez & Cathy Collens

2000

Knights of Columbus,
SF chapter

1999

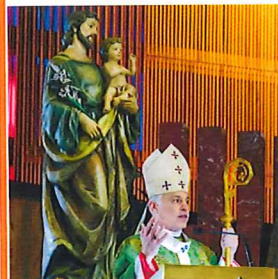
Archbishop William Levada
Bishop Patrick McGrath

Remembering our Archdiocese
of San Francisco Saints Feasts

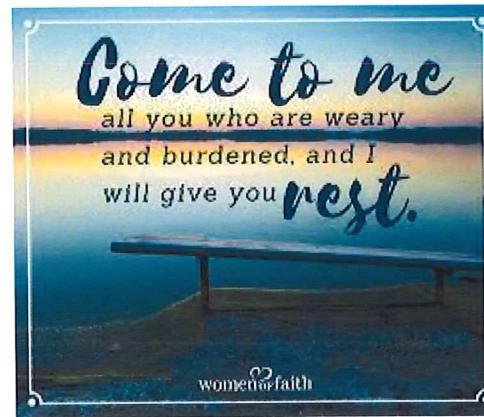


St. Francis
October 4th

St. Patrick
March 17



St. Joseph
March 19



Catechetical Sunday September 17

"Come to me all you who labor
and are burdened"
Matthew 11:28

This year's theme will highlight the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them.

Catechetical Sunday is a time to commission all of those who do catechetical ministry within the parish. It is often done at a Sunday Eucharist. Special prayers and reflections are provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Please join all in the United States in praying and recognizing all in this special ministry of the Church.



Archdiocese of San Francisco Faith Formation Conference

November 4, 2023
St. Matthew Parish, San Mateo



The Eucharistic Congress will take place at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption from 9:00 a. m. – 5:00 p. m. on June 10, 2023, with 5:30 p. m. Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, and Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop Emeritus of Seattle. The Congress will include English, Spanish, and Youth track options.

The Congress will also include a Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, time for Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To register for the Congress:

THE EUCHARIST

IS OUR LIFE!

Archdiocese of San Francisco's
Eucharistic Congress

June 10, 2023

**Youth Track featured
speakers:**



Carlo and Thea Fiatarone

Thea Fiatarone is the Campus Minister at Immaculate Conception Academy, a Cristo Rey High School in the Mission.

Carlo Fiatarone serves as Director of Mission & Culture for St. Anthony's Foundation in the Tenderloin.



Register today:

sfarch.org/registration-eucharistic-congress





*May St. Pius pray for each of us to have with a willing heart,
listening ear, wisdom to teach, and a holy life.*



A Special Thanks
A Special Thanks
to

Deacon Fred Totah—Director of Pastoral Ministry

Laura Bertone, Director of Office of Worship

Dennis Callaghan

Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Pastor and Rector , Diane Luporini and Staff

at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

Karen Guglielmoni, St. Veronica Parish

The Pastors and Parish Catechetical Leaders who support

our faith formation endeavors

Jose Leon -for printing our program

*Thank
you* 



The Office of Faith Formation of the Archdiocese of San Francisco

We, the Office of Faith Formation, are called to be Disciples of Christ by living the Gospel. We seek to nurture the life-long faith formation of all people, by animating leaders in a holistic approach to their ministry. In seeking to fulfill our mission, we practice living out these core values:

- * Evangelization
- * Non-violent Justice
- * Hospitality
- * Celebration of Diversity



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