



## 2017 Youth Awards Information and Criteria

Publicly acknowledging and honoring outstanding contributions of high school teens for their faith and service is a key aspect to affirming the gifts and contributions made by our young church. When exceptional leaders are recognized for their dedication and service, they receive the affirmation they truly deserve and serve as a model for others to emulate.

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries encourages each youth ministry, campus ministry and/or parish religious education program of the Diocese of Metuchen to recognize outstanding high school youths for service to their family, community, school and/or parish.

### Saint Timothy Award

*"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity."*

*1 Timothy, 4: 12.*

Each parish/school ❖ has the possibility of nominating **TWO** high school teens to receive this award. All who are nominated and fit the criteria will receive the award.

The St. Timothy Award is bestowed upon an 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade (during the 2017-2018 school year) youth who

- Has held leadership roles in the parish/school
- Has **actively served the parish/school** for at least 2 years
- Lives as a disciple of Christ, setting a positive example for other youth
- Demonstrates Gospel values through spirituality, prayer and service to others.

❖ If your parish is made up of two or more worship sites, you may nominate up to two teens for each worship site. Please specify the worship site on the nomination form.

### Saint Teresa Service Award

*"Do ordinary things with extraordinary love." – Mother Teresa*

Each parish/school has the possibility of nominating **ONE** high school teen (*to be chosen from among the two nominations to the St. Timothy award*) to receive this award. The award will be bestowed **upon a maximum of four teens** who meet the following criteria

- Are seniors (12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2017-2018 school year)
- Live as disciples of Christ, setting positive examples for other youth
- Witness to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity
- Demonstrates Gospel values through service to others
- Exhibit Christian leadership in parish, school and/or community settings

### Nomination & Attendance

To nominate a teen, please visit the Youth Ministry webpage: [www.diometuchen.org/youthawards](http://www.diometuchen.org/youthawards) and download the nomination form and submit it to our office before **September 18, 2017**.

Nominations must be accompanied by a fee of **\$20 per nominee**.

A certificate of recognition will be presented by Bishop Checchio during the special ceremony that will take place at

*Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.*

This liturgy is open to **ALL** teens, their families, clergy, religious, pastoral associates, youth ministers, and parish youth ministry groups. Join us for this joyful celebration of young leaders in our church!