

**TO:** Community Leaders  
**FROM:** Jean D. Johnstone, Ex. Dir., Catholic Charities  
**RE:** Nominations for the 2010 Msgr. William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award  
**DATE:** February 26, 2010

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For the past three years, Catholic Charities, Inc. of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has honored men and women from across the Diocese with the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award at our Annual Catholic Charities Recognition Dinner (scheduled this year for April 29, 2010 at the Altoona UVA Club). This award is given to persons demonstrating a *significant, long-term commitment (professional or volunteer) to serving the poor, marginalized and most vulnerable within our diocesan community.*

Once again we are asking for your help in nominating people from the diocesan parishes and communities within the eight counties of the diocese. Are you aware of someone whose service to others reflects the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25, the mission of Catholic Charities, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching?

Please take a few minutes to review the award criteria attached to this memo. If you would like to nominate someone from a parish or your community, please complete the attached nomination form and return it by **Friday, March 26, 2010** to:

Catholic Charities, Inc.  
Monsignor William M. Griffin Award  
1300 Twelfth Ave.  
P.O. Box 1349  
Altoona, PA 16603-1349

If you have any question about the award criteria, please do not hesitate to call me at the Catholic Charities' Altoona Office: (814) 944-9388.

Thank you for all that you do to support the mission of Catholic Charities and those in need within our diocesan communities.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.**  
**MONSIGNOR WILLIAM M. GRIFFIN HUMANITARIAN AWARD**  
**CRITERIA**

Catholic Charities will award the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award to four individuals at our Annual Catholic Charities' Recognition Dinner on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

Those honored are chosen by the Catholic Charities' Advisory Board of Directors from nominations received from clergy and community members across the eight counties of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

**Please consider the following criteria when making your nomination(s). Clearly describe how the nominee meets the criteria.**

- Nominee reflects the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25. (*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)
- Nominee's service is consistent with:
  - Mission of Catholic Charities (*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.*)
  - Catholic Social Teaching (Life & Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community & Participation, Rights & Responsibilities of the Human Person, Option for the Poor & Vulnerable, Care for God's Creation, Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, and Solidarity of One Human Family)
- Nominee's service reveals a **significant, long-term commitment** to the criteria above. Service can be within the **parish** or within a **community** of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. \* **Please state length of service when completing the nomination form.**
- If the nominee is of the Roman Catholic faith, they must be fully initiated into the life of the Church, be a member of a particular parish, and be eligible and avail themselves of the Sacraments of the Church.
- If the nominee is of another faith tradition, they must be an active participant and in good standing within their faith community.
- Nominees may be ordained, professed religious, or laity.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.  
MONSIGNOR WILLIAM M. GRIFFIN  
HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

**Nomination Form – 2010**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Place of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a one-page description of *how* this nominee has met the award criteria and *why* they should be considered to receive the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award. Remember to include *length* of community service.

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nomination forms may also be faxed to: (814) 941-2677.