



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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March 7, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a way honoring the heritage of Father Demetrius Gallitzin, the Prince Gallitzin Cross was created to recognize those members of our Diocese who have imitated his "evangelizing spirit". It is now time to gather nominees for this year's awards gathering.

This year's Prince Gallitzin Cross Awards will be presented on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at the Calvin House, 2135 Plank Road, Duncansville, Pennsylvania. The social will begin at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. The deadline for obtaining tickets is Friday, May 19th.

Nominees for the award may be ordained, religious and laity. Clergy, religious and laity may submit the names of the nominee. It is not uncommon for Parish Councils to submit nominations. Previously submitted nominees must be resubmitted. All nominees who are submitted to pastors are to be submitted to the Dean who will then sign and forward the recommendations to me. Nominations by Diocesan office personnel or members of consultative bodies need to be signed by the appropriate Director and also forwarded to me.

The criteria for awarding the Prince Gallitzin Cross and a copy of the recommendation form are attached to this letter. **The deadline for submitting recommendations is Friday, April 14, 2017.**

With every prayerful and cordial best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(Mrs.) Teresa M. Stayer, Chancellor

**DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
PRINCE GALLITZIN CROSS AWARD
2017 NOMINATION FORM**

Please type and submit to the Chancellor's Office by April 14, 2017.

NAME OF NOMINEE:

Title: _____ **Home Phone Number:** _____
First Name: _____ **Work Phone Number:** _____
Middle Initial: _____
Last Name: _____

ADDRESS:

PARISH:

DESCRIPTION of how this nominee has met the CRITERIA for the award :
(If more space is needed, use the reverse side)

PLEASE ENCLOSE PHOTOGRAPH OF NOMINEE.

(Signature of Pastor)

(Signature of Vicar, Dean, or Director)

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING THE PRINCE GALLITZIN CROSS AWARD

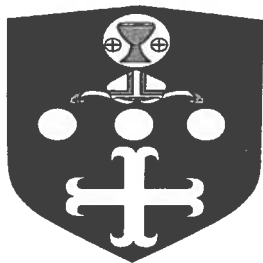
The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown annually awards to several individuals the Prince Gallitzin Cross. This usually takes place in the Spring of the year.

The insignia is an enameled white cross bearing a yellow shield on which is displayed a black eagle, taken from Prince Gallitzin's family coat of arms and hanging from a white and yellow ribbon so that it can be worn around the neck at various parish or diocesan functions. It is accompanied by a certificate signed by the Bishop.

Those to be awarded the Prince Gallitzin Cross are chosen from applications received from the Vicars, Deans, or Directors of diocesan offices (providing they are attested to by the appropriate Pastor). The Bishop may designate others, as well. The Crosses will be awarded at a special dinner honoring the new recipients; to which their families and friends, their parish priests and ministers, former recipients, diocesan personnel, and anyone else interested are invited to attend for the price of a ticket.

The following are the criteria by which nominations are to be forwarded to the Bishop:

1. Nominees are to be of Roman Catholic tradition in their living out of the Christian life to which Jesus calls us.
2. They are to be fully initiated into the Church; that is to say: received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
3. They are to be members of a particular parish faith community within the Diocesan Church of Altoona-Johnstown.
4. They are to be eligible to receive and avail themselves of the Sacraments of the Church.
5. They are to be presently (or have been previously) active through some form of ministry or service to God's people either on a parish or diocesan level.
6. They may be ordained, professed religious, or laity.
7. Their ministry or service is to have contributed to the growth of this Diocesan Church as judged on the basis of the Gospel of Jesus, the evangelizing spirit of the priestly Prince Gallitzin, the teachings of the Church, and the guidance of the Holy See and this Particular Church as given through various decrees and letters. In a special way, those who have kept alive the memory of Prince Gallitzin may be considered.



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Office of Vocations

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M E M O

TO: All Priests

FROM: Rev. Matthew Reese, Director

RE: Bulletin Announcement

DATE: March 7, 2017

Please include the below listed Bulletin Announcement in your parish bulletins. It is time sensitive for RSVP's. (April 7th is the deadline!)

Thank You!
--Fr. Matthew Reese

The Serra Club of Cambria County invites you to the Bishop's Night for Vocations dinner on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, 728 Ben Franklin Highway, Ebensburg, PA. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored jointly by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation Office. The theme for the event is: *"Led by the Spirit for Mission."* Guest speaker is Reverend Stephen P. DeLacy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Tickets can be purchased by calling: **Marjorie Lechene at 814-255-9797 or 814-255-6563.**



DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

Second Reminder
March 7, 2017

Office of Liturgy
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DIOCESAN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Bishop will gather with his priests throughout the Diocese on the following dates in Lent, 2017.

STATE COLLEGE: Good Shepherd Church
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 - 7:00 PM

ALTOONA: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 - 6:30 PM

JOHNSTOWN: Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
Thursday, April 6, 2017 - 6:30 PM

Pastors are asked to encourage your parishioners with parish communities in the vicinity of these churches to participate in the communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance. Local pastors, parochial vicars, and resident priests are asked to join the Bishop as confessors at these communal celebrations. The season of Lent invites a more solemn celebration of sacramental forgiveness and mercy.

If you have not done so, please complete and return the Registration Sheet shown below. Thank you.

Deadline is Friday, March 24, 2017.

Send to: Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

I plan to attend and assist Bishop Mark at the following Diocesan Penance Service. Please check the location and if you plan to attend the dinner, please check that option also. Thank you.

_____ State College Tuesday, April 4, 2017 - 7:00 PM _____ I plan to attend the dinner
Appetizers at 5:00 PM and Dinner at 5:30 PM before the Penance Service.

_____ Altoona Wednesday, April 5, 2017 - 6:30 PM _____ I plan to attend the dinner
after the Penance Service.

_____ Johnstown Thursday, April 6, 2017 - 6:30 PM _____ I plan to attend the dinner
after the Penance Service.

_____ **I am unable to attend.**

Name: _____

DEADLINE IS: Friday, March 24, 2017.



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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March 3, 2017

Hello All,

I'm still looking to fill the housekeeping position at Dmitri Manor. Will you please be kind enough to include the advertisement below in your next available bulletin again?

Thank you!

THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

Has an opening for the following position:

Part-time Housekeeper for Dmitri Manor Hollidaysburg

Responsibilities include assisting with basic housekeeping duties for up to 12 occupants based upon a 25-hour work week, Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm. Cooking experience is required.

Resumes must be submitted to 927 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; Attn: Lynette McEvoy, Director of Human Resources



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March 7, 2017

TO: All Pastors and parish Bulletin Editors
FROM: Deacon Michael Russo, Ministerial Coordinator
RE: The Shroud of Turin Talk

-Bulletin Announcement-

Please run this announcement in your bulletins as space allows.
Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

Is this the face of Jesus?

The Shroud of Turin Talk will be held at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, **Sunday March 26, 2017 at 3:00 PM.** In 2013 Bill Wingard established “**Shroud Talks**” to present the history and science of the **Shroud of Turin** and tackle the biggest mystery...**Is the Shroud the actual burial cloth?** Personal research coupled with the knowledge and help of the original photographer, Barrie Schwartz, for scientific evaluation in 1978 make for a powerful and comprehensive presentation that will not disappoint. **You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin.** Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. Deacon Michael Russo will be the guest on the upcoming March 19th **Proclaim! TV Ministry** to talk about this exciting event. The show airs at 10:30 AM on WATM ABC 23. For more information, contact Deacon Michael at (814) 288-3036 or email: michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. **All are welcome!**