



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

TO: Diocesan Clergy, Catholic Charities Advisory Board, Catholic Schools & Diocesan Staff

FROM: Jean D. Johnstone, Executive Director, Catholic Charities

**RE: NOMINATIONS FOR THE
2017 MSGR. WILLIAM M. GRIFFIN AWARD (ADULTS)**

DATE: February 28, 2017

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?

Annually, Catholic Charities honors 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 May 31, 2017 at the Altoona Grand Hotel). 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 (Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon, & Somerset counties.)*

Please take a few minutes to consider nominating someone from your parish/church, your community, or your place of work. To make a nomination, complete the attached nomination form plus a one-page letter of recommendation and return it by **MARCH 31, 2017** to:

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

You can also email it to jjohnstone@dioceseaj.org or fax it to 814-941-2677.

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 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.

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

Nomination Form – 2017

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's Home Address: _____

Nominee's Phone Number: _____

Parish/Place of Worship: _____

Please attach a one-page description of ***how*** this nominee has made a **significant, long-term commitment (professional or volunteer) to serving the poor, marginalized and most vulnerable within our diocesan community (Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon, & Somerset counties)**, and ***why*** they should be considered to receive the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award. Remember to include ***length*** of service to others.

Recommended by: _____
Signature

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

All nomination forms must be submitted by March 31, 2017.
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