



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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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.