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MEDIA ADVISORY

Eleven Individuals to Receive 2017 Prince Gallitzin Cross

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) – The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, will honor eleven individuals with the 2017 Prince Gallitzin Cross. The Bishop presents the award annually to priests, religious, or laity who exhibit the “evangelizing spirit” of the Prince-Priest and Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin. The 2017 recipients are:

- Edgar and Nancy Anna, Saint Bernard Parish in Hastings
- Nathaniel Barbera, Saint Peter Parish in Somerset
- Rev. Clarence “Chuck” Bridges, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown
- Mary Jane Knisel, Saint Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore
- Peter and Denise Kreckel, Saint Matthew Parish in Tyrone
- Monica Ludwig, Saint Nicholas Parish in Nicktown
- Carmela Magistro, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Johnstown
- Irene Matse, Holy Family Parish in Hooversville
- Donna Stoy, Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Ashville

Bishop Bartchak will present the Prince Gallitzin Cross to the honorees during a dinner and awards ceremony on June 3, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Calvin House in Duncansville. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Jeanne Duffy at the Diocesan Administration Center in Hollidaysburg at (814) 695-5579 or jduffy@dioceseaj.org. Tickets are \$35 per person. Reservations are required by May 19.