

Catechists of Religious Education Awards

The **St John Neumann Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **five years** of service as a catechist.

This award is dedicated to Saint John Neumann, the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, who was famous for founding Catholic schools and parishes. He introduced the devotion of the Forty Hours and wrote two catechisms. He was canonized in 1977.

Price-\$5.00

The **St. Pius X Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **ten years** of volunteer service as a catechist.

This award is dedicated to the St Pius X. Called the Pope of the Holy Eucharist and the Catechism, Saint Pius X sought to "restore all things in Christ." He fostered priestly holiness, religious instruction for all, and daily communion. He was canonized in 1954.

Price-\$11.00

The **St. Thomas Aquinas Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **fifteen years** of service as a catechist.

This award is dedicated to Thomas Aquinas who was an Italian Dominican friar, philosopher, Catholic priest, and Doctor of the Church. Thomas Aquinas is considered one of the Catholic Church's greatest theologians and

philosophers. Pope Benedict XV declared: "This (Dominican) Order ... acquired new luster when the Church declared the teaching of Thomas to be her own and that Doctor, honored with the special praises of the Pontiffs, the master and patron of Catholic schools. He was canonized by Pope John XXII in 1323.

Price-\$9.00

The **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **twenty years** of service as catechists.

This award is dedicated to Elizabeth Ann Seton, wife, mother, founder of the Daughters of Charity, and the first native-born American to be canonized. She opened the first American Catholic parish school and the first American Catholic orphanage; she and her sisters are credited with launching the parochial school system in the United States. Mother Seton was canonized in 1975.

Price-\$9.00

The **St. Jude Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **twenty-five years** of service as a catechist.

This award is dedicated to St Jude, the patron saint of hopeless cases and desperate situations. Because Jude had such great faith, we know that nothing is impossible for those who believe in the Lord. Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles

and his death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Beirut. Jude's body was later returned to Rome where it was buried in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica. We honor their feast day on October 28. These two saints remind us to learn all we can about Jesus and to share it with others, as they did.

Price-\$9.00

The **St. Sebastian Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **thirty years** of service as a catechist.

This award is dedicated to St. Sebastian who was an early Christian and an army captain believed to have been [martyred](#) during the persecution of Christians by the Roman emperor [Diocletian](#) in the 3rd century. While serving as a Praetorian Guard, Marcus and Marcellian, twin brothers, were imprisoned for refusing to make public sacrifices to the Roman gods. The brothers were deacons of the Christian Church. During their imprisonment, their parents visited them to implore them to renounce Christianity. However, St. Sebastian convinced both parents to convert to Christianity. St. Sebastian also converted several other prominent individuals, including the local prefect. When it was discovered that he was a Christian who had converted many soldiers, Sebastian was ordered to be killed by arrows. His relics are believed to be in the Basilica of San Sebastiano.

Price-\$9.00

The **St Dominic Award, Thirty-Five years** as a catechist.

This award is dedicated to Saint Dominic who was born in Caleruega, Spain in 1170. His parents were members of the Spanish nobility and related to the ruling family. It is known that Dominic was educated in Palencia, and he concentrated on theology and the arts. He spent six years studying theology and four the arts. He was widely acclaimed as an exemplary student by his professors. In 1191, a famine left many people desolate and homeless across Spain. Dominic sold everything he had, including his furniture and clothes and bought food for the poor. When he sold his manuscripts, required for study, he replied, "Would you have me study from these dead skins when people are dying of hunger?" St Dominic was canonized July 3, 1234.

Price-\$12.00

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The **St. Thèrése of Lisieux Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **five years** of service as a DRE/CRE.

This award is dedicated to Saint Therese who was a Carmelite sister who lived a hidden life of prayer and solitude. She described her life as a "little way of spiritual childhood." She said, "What matters in life is 'not great deeds,' but great love." She worked hard, and loved catechism, history and science, but had trouble with spelling and mathematics. Because of her overall intelligence, the good nuns advanced the eight-year-old to classes for fourteen-year-olds. She was

still bored. Her keenness aroused the envy of many fellow pupils, and Therese paid dearly for her academic successes. Saint Therese was canonized in 1925.

Price-\$9.00

The **St. Bernadette Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **ten years** of service as a DRE/DFP/CRE.

(7 January 1844 – 16 April 1879) This award is dedicated to Saint Bernadette of Lourdes who was the firstborn daughter of a miller from Lourdes, and is best known for experiencing Marian apparitions of a "young lady" who asked for a chapel to be built at the nearby cave-grotto at Massabielle. These apparitions are said to have occurred between 11 February and 16 July 1858, and the woman who appeared to her identified herself as the "Immaculate Conception. The Marian apparition became known as Our Lady of Lourdes. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Price-\$9.00

The **St. Luke Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **fifteen years** of service as DRE/DFP/CRE.

This award is dedicated to St Luke who is one of the Four Evangelists—the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical Gospels. The Early Church Fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, which would mean Luke contributed over a quarter of the text of the New Testament, more than any other author. We celebrate Saint Luke's

service to the Church each year on October 18. We remember that his Gospel continues to help us know and love Jesus. Luke's Gospel also reminds us to look for ways to imitate Jesus by reaching out to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Price-\$9.00

The **St. Katharine Drexel Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **twenty years** of volunteer service as a DRE/DFF/CRE.

This award is dedicated to Mother M. Katharine Drexel, foundress and superior of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People. Mother Katharine, who was canonized on October 1, 2000, founded schools, convents and religious centers throughout the United States dedicated to the evangelization of Blacks and Native Americans. She is also the foundress of Xavier University in New Orleans. The healing of little Amy Wall's deafness opened the way for St. Katharine's canonization by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 2000.

Price-\$9.00

The **St. Raymond Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **twenty-five years** of service as a DRE/DFF/CRE.

This award is dedicated to St. Raymond of Pennafort who was born in Spain. From childhood he had a tender love and devotion to the Blessed Mother. He finished his studies at an early age, and became a famous teacher. He then gave up all his honors and entered the Order of the Dominicans. St. Raymond was very humble and very close to God. St Raymond was canonized by Pope Clement VIII in 1601.

Price-\$9.00

The **St. Francis Of Assisi Award** is awarded to those who have contributed **thirty years** of service as a DRE/CRE.

This award is dedicated to Saint Francis of Assisi who abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He is the patron saint of animals and the environment. Later in life, Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified making Francis the first person to receive such holy wounds. He was canonized as a saint on July 16, 1228.

Price-\$9.00

The **St Margaret Award**, given in **five-year increments for service of more than 30 years** as a DRE/DFF/CRE.

This award is dedicated to St Margaret who was a very pious Roman Catholic and performed many charitable acts. Margaret was the mother of three kings of Scotland, or four, if Edmund of Scotland (who ruled with his uncle, Donald III) is counted, and of a queen consort of England. She promoted the arts and education in Scotland. She encouraged Church synods and was involved in efforts to correct the religious abuses involving Bishops, priests and laypeople. In 1250, Pope Innocent IV canonized Margaret as a Saint.

Price-\$9.00