

EXAMPLE DOSSIER

PAX CHRISTI DOSSIER

This candidate has led a life of quiet service to God and the church. She is remarkable, but doesn't see anything remarkable in the countless hours she has devoted to helping people in need. She humbly shrugs off her work with the needy, the elderly and the bereaved as just doing her part. She sums up her philosophy of service by saying simply, "If someone needs help, I'm going to help them."

PERSONAL QUALITIES

This candidate was born and raised about 20 miles from her current parish. She was the second oldest of five children, and grew up in a Catholic family. She has been married for nearly 48 years and has two adult children and five grandchildren. She has been a member of this parish for 48 years. She had worked for most of her adult life doing office work, taking a few years off to raise her children.

Her greatest gift is a willing and steadfast spirit. She works many hours at different ministries within the parish and community, and is happiest when doing something for a person in need. She is a model of humility and generosity, working quietly without seeking thanks or recognition.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES

This candidate's service is characterized by concern for people in need. For the past three years she has chaired one of the groups who prepare funeral meals, calling and scheduling workers for setting up, preparing and serving food, and cleaning up. Her husband of 47 years often helps by setting up tables for funeral meals. Her group serves for approximately one funeral per month.

Before taking over as chair, she worked many years serving at funeral lunches.

She is generous with her time serving the needy as well. She has worked at the community food shelf for six years and works at the Monday food giveaway at her parish. She also has worked with a local charity, packing and distributing items donated by parishioners. She has helped with the mail carriers food drive and worked with a local grocery store's "stuff a truck" food drive. She has also helped with her granddaughter's Girl Scout cookie sale.

Her concern for others extends to the elderly as well. For several years she has paid weekly visits to two local care centers, visiting the elderly. She began by visiting a friend who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease, and ended up befriending so many other residents that she continued visiting every week even after her friend died.

In previous years she served as a Eucharistic minister, but had to give up that ministry because of rheumatoid arthritis; however she says she is able to "just keep plugging away" at all of her other activities.

This candidate exemplifies the love of God and the gentle, willing spirit of Mary in the many ways she serves her parish, and is an inspiring role model for those around her.

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Our candidate for the Pax Christi Award was born March 27, 1947 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She has one sister and one brother. While attending college at Eau Claire, she came to northern Wisconsin to work under a work study program. She returned and attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and received a degree in biology. After graduating, she returned to northern Wisconsin, and over the years, has worked at the local newspaper, local factory, and at the post office.

She married a Catholic on December 12, 1982, and then decided to enter the RCIA program in 1996 and was confirmed in March of 1997. In the fall of that year, her husband signed her up to teach catechism, and she has been teaching ever since. She demonstrates Christian values in everything she does. She has taught religious education for 17 years and has served as religious coordinator for many of those years. She has helped many family members in the parish prepare for receiving the sacraments. She is currently head of the Safe and Sacred training program.

She has put in many hours getting teaching materials and keeping it up to date for the CCW program, many times paying out of her pocket. She also supplies pizzas, treats, and prizes for her classes. When a teacher is unable to show up, she will find a sub and have them take the class to the local nursing home to visit the residents rather than send the children home. She goes out of her way to inform parents what the children are doing in class. These children are very important in her life, being she has none of her own. These are "her" children. Whatever she is doing with the

children – whether it is making posters, banners, baking cookies for the Christmas bazaar, collecting food for the food shelf, organizing the Christmas program, driving the youth to a retreat, etc. – she has a smile on her face and tears in her eyes.

She also finds time to attend retreats and meetings regarding the CCW program. She is a lector, serves on the funeral committees, help with parish fundraiser, and is a member of the Council of Catholic Women. She is an avid reader, and has been President of the local Friends of the Library for 34 years. She has spent a lot of time and effort through fundraisers, donations, drives, and volunteering. They were able to furnish the inside of the new library. She has also been involved with the inception of the Friends of the Library Bell Ringer Run.

Some of the words to describe our candidate are: Christian, dedicated, hard worker, the best, generous and selfless, does good deeds, good friend, true leader, gives much more than anyone knows, and has never sought praises for what she does.

Our candidate was recognized by the committee in being chosen Person of the Year in 2013. We would love to have our candidate recognized for all she has done for the children.