

## **PAX CHRISTI**

### **GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A DOSSIER AND JUDGING THE AWARD**

#### **HISTORY AND GENERAL PROCEDURE**

In 1950, the late Albert Cardinal Meyer, then Bishop of Superior, encouraged the parish women's societies to unite their groups with the National Council of Catholic Women. The intention was to more actively involve women in the work of the church on a broader scale.

At the time the "Mother of the Year" award was initiated. It was to recognize a woman's outstanding dedication given to this intention. It did, however exclude many worthy women who had no children.

In 1960, Bishop Hammes updated the award to the "Pax Christi Medal" which bears the legend Pax Christi, appearing on his coat of arms. It means Peace of Christ. This award has the wholehearted endorsement of the Bishop of the Superior Diocese.

This award recognizes the devout, hard working Christian women within our parishes. It is a way to honor these deserving women who live their faith as an example for us all.

Nominees may be either lay or religious, single or married women. Each parish nominates one woman for the award annually. In order to recognize more of the many deserving women of our Diocese, a parish is advised to choose a different nominee each year.

The Pax Christi Committee chooses up to five finalists, one from each Deanery. The finalists' dossiers are sent to the Bishop, who selects the winner. The winner is announced at the annual Superior Diocese Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) Convention.