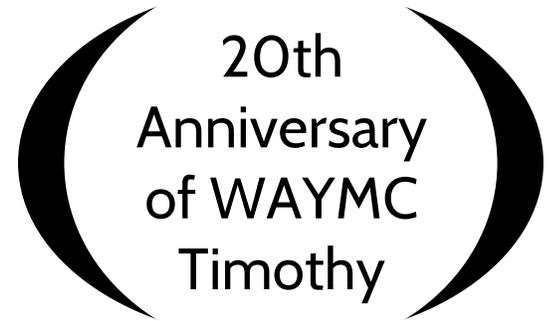


Timothy* Youth Appreciation Event



Sunday, April 23, 2017
3:30–approximately 5:30pm
St. Thomas a'Becket - Canton

Please join us in honoring teens from the parishes of the Western Wayne and Northwest Wayne Vicariates whose efforts in leadership, Christian service, and commitment to their families, parishes, schools, and civic communities have stood out.

Each parish is invited to nominate up to eight young people for the **Youth Appreciation Certificate**, and one additional young person for the **Award of Excellence**.

All teens submitted will be recognized.

Every participating parish is asked to help with the ceremony in some way, **AND** to provide appetizers or desserts for our celebration (plan on two dozen per ten people attending the ceremony).

Award criteria is listed on nomination forms. Please see attached 'Dates & Details to Remember' page for submission deadlines and a list of what each participating parish needs to provide.

Please invite your pastors and deacons to attend! Their presence shows your teens that they are invested in and proud of the young people of the parish.

*"Let no one look down on you because of your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Dates & Details to Remember

- Each parish can nominate up to **8** teens for the Appreciation Certificate and **1** teen for the Award of Excellence (but parishes can participate with only 1– 2 teens.)
- For each nominee, the parish must provide a nomination form filled out by nominator, a youth profile filled out by teen, and a biography written by nominator. A photo is optional.
- **NOW**—Invite your pastors and deacons to attend the ceremony. Their attendance shows the nominated teens that they are invested in and proud of the youth of the parish.
- **April 3rd, 2017**—Packet must be postmarked & mailed to:
St. Colette Youth Ministry
17600 Newburgh
Livonia MI 48152
ALL paperwork will go to print on April 14th.
- Videotaping—again this year we'd like to include a short video segment to our program. Consider sending any of your nominated teens to be taped on one of the following dates:
 - * **Monday, April 10th, 7-8pm at St. Colette**
 - OR**
 - * **Wednesday, April 19th, 6-7pm at St. Colette**We will tape interviews on a first come, first serve basis, so please be prepared for the possibility of a brief wait. The actual interview will last no longer than 2-3 minutes, and they will be edited together for the ceremony.
- **April 19th, 2017**—RSVP the number of expected guests from your parish to:
Stephanie Tierney at St. Thomas a'Becket at 734-981-1333 x21
- All participating parishes are asked to help with the ceremony in some way. Contact Carol Nelius (734-765-5525) to get a list of possible roles.
- Each parish is also asked to bring 2 dozen plated appetizers or desserts per 10 people attending from their parish (nominees & their families). Your items should be able to be served at room temperature and be finger food—we will not have utensils. Our host (St. Thomas a'Becket) will be providing hot appetizers this year.
- **April 23rd, 2017**—Youth Ministers, DRE's or others who are nominating teens should arrive at St. Thomas a'Becket shortly before 3:30pm, to help greet your awardees and their guests.

Award of Excellence Nomination Form

Award Criteria

- Teens should be high school aged youth in grades 9-12.
- The award recognizes achievements from the previous year only (January 2016-January 2017.)
- No sporting or academic achievements will be recognized UNLESS the teen has a leadership role within a sports team or academic club.
- Teens cannot be nominated for both the Youth Appreciation Certificate and the Award of Excellence in the same year.
- Teens will be recognized for **outstanding excellence** in at least three or more of the following areas— please check all that apply, but choose at least three:

_____ **ADVOCACY** - “stands up for adolescents, especially those who are voiceless and powerless in society...shapes a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of adolescents and their families on public issues that affect their lives... empowers young people by giving them a voice.”

_____ **CATECHESIS** - “helps adolescents *develop* a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Christian community, and *increases* their knowledge of the core content of the Catholic faith”

_____ **COMMUNITY LIFE** (including Multicultural and Special Needs) - “*builds* an environment...*develops* meaningful relationships...*nurtures* Catholic faith; not only *what* we do (activity), but *who* we are (identity) and *how* we interact (relationships).”

_____ **EVANGELIZATION** - “proclaims Jesus Christ and the Good News...witnesses to our faith in Jesus Christ...reaches out to young people... invites young people personally into the life and mission of the Catholic community...calls young people to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus...challenges young people to...a life of discipleship...calls young people to be evangelizers.”

_____ **JUSTICE & SERVICE** - “*nurtures* in young people a social conscience and a commitment to a life of justice and service rooted in their faith... *empowers* young people to work for justice by concrete efforts...*infuses* the concepts of justice, peace, and human dignity into all ministry efforts.”

_____ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**- “*calls forth, affirms, and empowers* the diverse gifts, talents, and abilities of adults and young people in our faith communities for comprehensive ministry with adolescents...empowers all young people for leadership and ministry with their peers in schools, parishes and civic communities.”

_____ **PASTORAL CARE** - “*promotes* positive adolescent and family development...cares for adolescents and families in crises...*provides guidance*; is most fundamentally a relationship - a ministry of compassionate presence.”

_____ **PRAYER & WORSHIP** - “*promotes* the authentic participation of youth in liturgy; attends to the diversity of cultures and ages in the assembly; provides opportunities for creative prayer with adolescents in peer, family, and intergenerational settings; promotes effective preaching of the word; allows music and song to express the vitality of young people; prepares the symbols and ritual actions with particular care for their visual dimensions; develops the interpersonal and communal dimensions of the liturgy; provides adolescents with effective and intentional catechesis for liturgy, worship, and sacraments; apprentices adolescents in liturgical ministries.”

*All Components of Comprehensive Youth Ministry listed above are taken from
Renewing the Vision—a Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry, approved by the USCCB in 1997.*

Parish Name & City _____

Recipient Name _____

Grade _____ School _____

Nominated by _____

Position _____ Email _____

Updates for 2017 Timothy Awards:

- * If you are a longtime participant, please note that the paperwork has been updated and reformatted this year to make it easier for you to fill out! Please look at it carefully for changes.
- * This year, WAYMC will be providing printed formal invitations that you can use to invite your nominated teens. These will be ready sometime in the second week of March. We wanted to get the rest of the paperwork to you earlier, however, so you can get dates on your calendar and your parish can choose which teens to nominate.

Youth Profile

(to be filled out by the nominated teen)

Name: _____ Phonetical Spelling: _____ *example: Mary Neuhouser
becomes Mary New-howz-er*

Parish: _____ Circle: Male Female

Grade: _____ Phone #: _____

School: _____

Please include a wallet sized picture of yourself with your name and parish written on the back, or send in a digital copy.

Please answer these questions as though the person reading this has never met you. Portions of this profile will be read at the ceremony.

1. Please define the activities in which you displayed outstanding Leadership, Christian Service (please do not include any clubs or sports which *require* community service), and/or Commitment. Please be specific, and list as much as you can. Please do NOT list any sports or academic activities UNLESS you have a leadership role (captain of a team, leadership position in a club or honor society).

2. What did you gain or learn from the activities listed in #1?

Youth Biography

(to be written & attached by the nominator)

As each teen receives their award during the ceremony, a short biography is read that highlights their accomplishments. In order to be sure that the statements read are somewhat consistent in tone and timing, they will be edited by the Timothy Recognition Committee so that the event runs smoothly.

We ask that each Timothy Youth Appreciation Certificate Recipient have a complete bio that is 5-8 typed lines long in total; each Timothy Award of Excellence Recipient is to have a bio between 9-12 typed lines. ***Each bio should be TYPED, doubled spaced, in a 12 point Times New Roman font.*** This format will make it easier for the Youth Ministers who edit the bios make sure that they are comparable in length. Please see the sample bios below for an example of how long they should end up.

Please begin the bio with:

(Insert name) is a (insert year in high school) at (insert high school). Conclude with no more than 5-7 additional lines for the Youth Appreciation Certificate and 9-11 additional lines for the Award of Excellence. *Please do not include any sporting or academic (GPA or NHS) comments, **except** for leadership positions within those organizations.*

Please remember the bios will be edited so that the evening runs smoothly.

Sample Bios

Robert Grandon—St. Someone Parish—Appreciation Certificate

Robert Grandon is a junior at Garden City High School. He volunteers at Mass as an Usher and also helps with the Living Stations of the Cross during Lent. Robert has participated in the PBJ Outreach program and helped elderly parishioners with raking leaves and shoveling snow. At school Robert is the president of the Chess Club. He attends most Youth Ministry activities and can always be counted on to lend a helping hand. Robert appreciates the chance to serve the parish and hopes his actions can make a difference.

Lindsay Wilke—St. Someone Parish—Appreciation Certificate

Lindsay Wilke (Will-key) is a senior at Ladywood High School. She is a member of her parish youth ministry leadership team, is a 4th grade catechist, and is a member of the parish choir. Lindsay loves to participate in service projects, especially serving the hungry, and regularly visits the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The role she has most enjoyed within the parish is the youth leadership team, where she has had a chance to share her faith with her peers and help them to explore their own relationships with God.

Master Checklist

One form per parish to be completed by the Parish Contact person

Please include this checklist when you submit your packet

NAME OF PARISH _____

Mailing address of parish _____

Parish phone number _____

PARISH CONTACT PERSON _____

Daytime phone number _____ Email _____

YOUTH APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE recipients:	Nomination Form	Youth Profile	Photo-digital or hard copy (optional)	Biography
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				

TIMOTHY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE recipient:	Nomination Form	Youth Profile	Photo (optional)	Biography
1.				

Submit your Timothy paperwork electronically!

We would be happy to receive any or all of your Timothy paperwork electronically. If you choose to send us your info by email, please be sure to include all of the details from the forms, and to include all of the forms:

Nomination Form (to be filled out by nominator)

Biography (to be filled out by nominator)

Youth Profile Form (to be filled out by teen)

Photo—optional—but we can take either a hard copy in the mail or an electronic copy

You might wonder why we request of a copy of the Youth Profile form (filled out by the nominated teen), even though we ask the Youth Minister (or other nominator) to write a biography. The reason is that even with a biography turned in, we very often need to refer to the Youth Profile when editing the biographies, either for additional information or for clarification. So if you send us your biographies electronically, please be sure to also mail/email us copies of the Youth Profile form filled out by the teen for reference.

If you choose to contribute photos for the display, you can either send them in the mail or include them with your emailed packet.

Information can be emailed to Mary Jo Parnell at:
youthministry@stcolette.net

Or mailed to us at:

St. Colette Youth Ministry
17600 Newburgh
Livonia MI 48152

Youth Appreciation Certificate Nomination Form

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- Teens cannot be nominated for both the Youth Appreciation Certificate and the Award of Excellence in the same year.
- Teens will be recognized in one or more of the following areas:

Leadership

Performance, vision, and initiative beyond community service activities. What has been outstanding about the teen's leadership and initiative, or, how has this teen stood out for his ability to spread the Good News to others or to be a faith witness?

Christian Service

Quality and impact of community service meant for the betterment of an organization. What service does the teen perform that makes him/her stand out, not including required service time and activities?

Commitment

Reliability and dedication to accomplish the unique service objectives of the organization. What is unusual about the teen's commitment with respect to reliability, dedication, and time?

Parish Name & City _____

Recipient Name _____

Grade _____ School _____

Nominated by _____

Position _____ Email _____

Recognition categories—check all that apply:

Leadership

___ Parish

___ Family

___ Civic Community

___ School Community

Christian Service

___ Parish

___ Family

___ Civic Community

___ School Community

Commitment

___ Parish

___ Family

___ Civic Community

___ School Community

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SAMPLE LETTER to award recipients from your parish.
Adapt this letter as needed
INSERT YOUR LETTERHEAD HERE

Dear

The youth ministers from our area have collaborated to create an event of recognition to honor our young people and acknowledge their efforts in leadership, Christian service, or commitment to their parish, family, community, or school. Each participating parish determines which high school youth from their parish will be recognized, but parishes must stay within the criteria established by the Timothy Recognition Committee and are limited in the number of young people they may nominate.

Here at our parish we would love to acknowledge and recognize each of our wonderful young people. But since this is a collaborative effort and many parishes will be participating, we must limit our nominees to *nine*. It was very difficult for our pastoral staff to discern which teens from this parish would be recognized. Ultimately, our decisions were based on outstanding dedication outside youth ministry activities, with special consideration given to upper classmen.

We are pleased to announce that you have been chosen from our parish as an award recipient for the 2017 Timothy Award Youth Recognition Event. Congratulations on this great honor!

You have every reason to be proud of your accomplishments, but out of thoughtfulness for other teens and their feelings please be discreet when discussing the award ceremony. We will openly discuss the awards and will invite parish high school teens to attend, but there will not be a formal announcement at our gatherings.

The Timothy Award Youth Recognition Event is scheduled for **April 23, 2017 3:30 pm, at St. Thomas a'Becket Parish in Canton**. During the ceremony each nominee will have their name announced and a short biography read as they receive their certificate and commemorative cross. We need your help in completing the enclosed Youth Profile and with providing a wallet sized photo of yourself for display.

Also enclosed is an invitation that you may share with any guests you would like to invite to this special occasion. Please be sure to RSVP by the deadline. *Award recipients are asked to arrive at the ceremony early for registration and to be dressed in their Sunday best.*

Thank you for all your efforts to serve our parish and community.

Peace,

“Let no one look down on you because of your youth, but set an example for those who believe—in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.”

I Timothy 4:12