



The Angel Award

General Program Information

Mission

The Angel Award, named in honor of the Holy Angels – the patrons of the Diocese of Gary, is given to recognize the outstanding, creative, and innovative accomplishments of individual teachers in the Diocese of Gary.

The award is presented to

- An elementary teacher (Grades PK-5)
- A middle school teacher (Grades 6-7-8)
- A high school teacher

In all, three awards are granted annually.

Nominee qualifications

The nominated teacher must be a full-time, certified teacher** in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Gary who is actively engaged in the direct teaching of students. The nominee must have a minimum of ten years of service in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Gary and model a Christian, faith-filled life. In addition, the nominee

- is an outstanding teacher who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- is respected and admired by students, parents, and colleagues;
- promotes and practices collegiality;
- is poised and articulate, with excellent written and oral communications skills;
- keeps abreast of current educational literature, research, and practices;
- demonstrates exceptional commitment, leadership, and service to the school, parish, and/or community;

**Certified teacher means:

- A. Nominee has fulfilled the yearly diocesan requirement of 6 hours of Religious Education/Formation classes.
- B. Nominee has fulfilled one of the following:
 1. State of Indiana license in an academic area of teaching
 2. Theology teachers (one of the following):
 - a. Academic major or minor in Theology
 - b. Completion of Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program

Nominations may be made by anyone in the Diocese of Gary – students, parents, colleagues, administrators, pastors, others.

Awards

Angel Award winners receive a monetary and commemorative award and recognition from the superintendent of schools. Each winner will have the opportunity to pursue college course work through a scholarship as well.