

# Archdiocese of Detroit

## ***Keep the Dream Alive Awards Honor Local Individuals Who Continue the Work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

Bishop John Quinn will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocesan Mass in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 19, in Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue, to remember Dr. King and bestow *Keep the Dream Alive Awards* on 12 individuals. After Mass, a reception for the honorees will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit. For more information, call 313-237-4696.

The following people were nominated by the churches of their region and will receive awards for keeping the dream of Dr. King alive in the Archdiocese of Detroit:

- **Joan Allor of St. Joseph Parish, Monroe**, for her work in jail ministry in Monroe County, where she trains and organizes other chaplains, as well as providing prayer and counseling.
- **Paul Ogbonna Amadi of St. Joseph Parish, Monroe**, for his work with Catholic Social Services of Monroe County, where he reaches out to the minority community by bringing services and resources to them.
- **Crystine Brantley of SS. Andrew and Benedict Parish, Detroit**, for her role in the educational formation of children; her work on the Pierre Toussaint Academy School Board and in community programs.
- **Richard Kelly of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Detroit**, for his many volunteer activities, including mentoring children, driving people to church and restoring East Catholic High School.
- **Marilyn Kochkodan of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Detroit**, for her many volunteer activities, including serving as Coordinator for the Service with Love Program, a Eucharistic Minister, Team Leader for the Funeral Luncheon Program and Coordinator of the St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Food Pantry, as well as her work on the Bereavement Ministry Team, where she leads rosary and vigil services at funeral homes.
- **Tom McGuire of St. Benedict Parish, Highland Park**, for his many volunteer activities, including work with the Moses and Weed and Seed Programs and activities that benefit the children of Highland Park.
- **William O'Connor of St. John Fisher Parish, Auburn Hills**, for his work as Transportation Coordinator for the South Oakland Shelter and as Volunteer Coordinator to the Rochester Habitat for Humanity Coalition.
- **Elizabeth Ostrowski of St. Alfred Parish, Taylor**, for her work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Al-Anon, and in the field of religious education.
- **David Smith of Holy Family Parish, Inkster**, for his work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as with community service and Christian Service support programs.
- **Ann and Stephan Toth of St. Anastasia Parish, Troy**, for their many volunteer activities, including work in the Religious Formation and Giving Tree Programs and the South Oakland Shelter Project.
- **Jean Vortkamp of Guardian Angels Parish, Detroit**, for her work with The Front Porch, an organization she founded which brings together neighborhood children to work in creative projects and activities to build bridges.

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**\*\*\*Note to Media Representatives: You are invited to cover this event. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is located at 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, between Grand Boulevard and Davison. For more details, call the Office for Black Catholic Ministries at 313-237-4696.**

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