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IndependentSacramental.org Launches Annual “Faithful Service Recognition” to Honor Exemplary Ministry

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IndependentSacramental.org is pleased to announce the creation of the ISM Faithful Service Recognition, an annual honor celebrating clergy and laity who exemplify humble, Christ-centered service within their communities.

This recognition highlights individuals whose ministries embody compassion, sacramental presence, outreach to the marginalized, community-building, and steadfast dedication carried out away from the spotlight.

**Celebrating Ministry Rooted in Service and Compassion**

The Faithful Service Recognition is open to all—clergy and laity—across ISM jurisdictions. Nominees may be pastors, chaplains, deacons, lay ministers, outreach workers, or any who show humble service, pastoral care, and dedication to the poor and forgotten.

Applications for 2026 are accepted until September 1, 2026.

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit:

<https://www.independentsacramental.org>

Contact Email:

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## ISM FAITHFUL SERVICE RECOGNITION — FULL AWARD CRITERIA

Nominees should embody one or more of the following:

### A. Faithful, Consistent Service

- steady dedication to ministry
- supports spiritual and pastoral needs of others
- serves with integrity and humility

### B. Compassion Toward the Marginalized

- ministry to homeless, sick, imprisoned, refugees, homebound
- models the compassion of Christ

### C. Sacramental Presence

- celebrates sacraments reverently
- ensures access to sacramental care for underserved populations

### D. Community Building

- fosters healthy relationships, parish life, small communities
- strengthens unity within or across jurisdictions

### E. Hidden or Unrecognized Service

- serves quietly behind the scenes
- embodies “faithfulness in small things”

### F. Contribution to the Mission of the ISM

- evangelization, catechesis, outreach, pastoral care
- strengthens integrity and public witness of the ISM

### G. Personal Virtues

- humility
- compassion
- spiritual maturity
- openness to ongoing conversion and formation
- consistency and integrity in ministry

## NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nominations must include:

1. Nominee's name and ministry role
2. Jurisdiction or community (optional)
3. A 500–1,000 word description of ministry and impact
4. Nominator's contact information
5. Optional supporting materials (photos, testimonials, ministry links)

Accepted From:

- clergy
- laity
- parishes or ministries
- chaplaincy organizations
- ecumenical partners
- anyone with firsthand experience of the nominee's ministry

Submission Deadline:

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