

2022 Friend of Rural Life Award
Nomination from the La Crosse Area

If you wish to nominate someone for the Friend of Rural Life Award, complete the following form and return to the **Office for Ministries & Social Concerns, Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54601** by **May 15, 2022**

Nominee Name _____
(Please clearly print FULL name of nominee(s) as it should appear on a plaque.)

Address _____

Phone # _____

Parish (if an individual) _____

Nominated by _____

Describe how the nominee lives the criteria of the Friend of Rural Life Award and why you feel they qualify for the award. Use the back of this sheet or another sheet if necessary. (The criteria are on the enclosed sheet.)

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

CRITERIA
for
FRIEND OF RURAL LIFE AWARD
DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

1. **FAITH:** The person(s) is committed to the Catholic Church and shows this in their involvement in parish associations and activities. A spirit of generosity and hospitality is a trademark.
2. **COMMUNITY:** The person(s) display(s) a commitment and involvement in society beyond that of family and church. Involvement with organizations which help maintain the rural culture, e.g., 4-H; homemakers; co-op, village, township, or county boards, etc.
3. **LOCALE:** Preference is to be given, but not limited to, those living in the host deanery and surrounding areas.
4. **RURAL LIFE INVOLVEMENT:** Those being considered for the award should have a long standing reputation for rural life by some or all the following:
 - a. **Stewardship:** practice and/or promote stewardship of God's creation in a manner which respects God as creator and our role to being active, honest, collaborative stewards of all creation.
 - b. **Advocacy:** speak and act on behalf of the needs of rural life in the local, state, national and international levels.
 - c. **Support:** provide needed support for rural life by use of time, talent and treasure.
5. **SCOPE:** This award is for recognition of significant contributions to Rural Life on the part of individuals and/or groups. These individuals/groups need not have direct involvement in production agriculture (farming). But instead, they will be recognized for their support of the Rural Community.