

2022 Strangers and Guests Award  
Nomination from the La Crosse Area

If you wish to nominate someone for the Strangers and Guests 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 as it should appear on a plaque.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the nominee lives the criteria of the Strangers and Guests 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  
**STRANGERS AND GUESTS AWARD**  
DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

1. Family owned and operated farm
  - a. Preference for joint-ownership by husband and wife
  - b. Farm labor is led primarily by family members
  - c. Extended families allowed
  - d. Partnerships and family held corporations are also acceptable
  
2. Stewardship

The land should be used according to an ecologically sound management plan. Farmer should have a sense of being a steward of God's creation.

  - Has a good farm management plan which includes:
    - Nutrient management
    - Environmental stewardship
  
3. Financial and size consideration

The size of the farm should be commensurate to the needs of the family. The farm should not be involved in an inordinate dependence on debt financing. Debt can be part of the operation but only as a means that is leading to ownership.
  
4. The family shares responsibilities and works together. Work load is shared in a way that respects family members.
  
5. The family is committed to their Catholic faith and shows this in their involvement in parish associations and activities. A spirit of generosity, hospitality, and servant leadership is a trademark of the family.
  
6. The family displays 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.