

Diocesan Awards descriptions for 2023-2024 nomination descriptions and links

### **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award for 2023-2024**

This annual award recognizes a diocesan teacher, staff member, or administrator who has gone well beyond their job description expectations in regards to service towards their school(s), parish(es), and/or community.

The nominee for the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award must exemplify the traits of St. Mother Teresa, who spent her life unselfishly serving others. The actions and words of the nominee, over a period of time, must support the humanitarian efforts of St. Mother Teresa. Specific examples of exemplary care and compassion for others, along with charitable and humanitarian works, are an essential component of consideration for this recognition.

This nomination must be submitted before the end of the day, January 28, 2024.

Link to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award for 2023-2024 nomination form -

<https://forms.gle/dmQrLVToU14Ywy4J7>

### **Holy Family Award for 2023-2024**

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan teacher, staff member, or administrator who has made an exceptional difference for families within the school or parish. This award can be based upon instruction, co-curricular activities, religious guidance, physical, spiritual, or emotional support to entire families.

This nomination must be submitted before the end of the day on January 28, 2024.

Link to Holy Family Award for 2023-2024 nomination form -

<https://forms.gle/P9wYcDLzNYrXSxDQ8>

### **Volunteer of the Year 2023-2024**

This annual award recognizes an outstanding adult volunteer within our Catholic schools who demonstrates a strong commitment to the mission and values of the Catholic faith, who volunteers selflessly and consistently demonstrates the heart of a servant.

The person completing this nomination should be able to cite multiple examples on how the nominee stands out from other volunteers and answer the question, "How is this nominee a role model of service within the Catholic school community?"

This nomination must be submitted before the end of the day January 28, 2024.

Link to Volunteer of the Year Award 2023-2024 nomination form -

<https://forms.gle/xwbEAJmXrMuWJjh79>

### **Support Staff of the Year 2023-2024**

This annual award recognizes an outstanding member of the diocesan support staff who demonstrates a strong commitment to the mission and values of the Catholic faith, who

performs with integrity and consistently excels within their position.

The person completing this nomination should be able to cite multiple examples on how the nominee stands out from their peers and answer the question, "How is this nominee a role model of the Catholic faith within the school community?"

This nomination must be submitted before the end of the day January 28, 2024.

Link to Support Staff of the Year 2023-2024 nomination form -

<https://forms.gle/439shD5TtGymfVt67>

### **Early Childhood Educator of the Year 2023-2024**

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan 3P/3K and/or 4P/4K year old teacher who excels at positively impacting the lives of our youngest learners.

The person submitting this nomination must cite multiple examples of innovative and highly effective teaching strategies the educator has used in the classroom, list specific actions which illustrate this person has a positive influence on the school community, and list actions which illustrate this person is a positive Catholic role model for students and their families.

This nomination is for those who teach three year old and four year old children. Nominations must be submitted before the end of the day January 28, 2024.

Link to Early Childhood Educator of the Year 2023-2024 nomination form -

<https://forms.gle/DLiQTCMF29mvzYbeA>

### **Elementary Educator of the Year 2023-2024**

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan Kindergarten through 5th grade teacher. The person completing the nomination form should list innovative and highly effective teaching strategies the educator uses in the classroom. The nominee's positive influence on all those around him/her should be clearly illustrated.

How is the nominee a Catholic role model for students?

This nomination must be submitted before the end of the day January 28, 2024.

Link to Elementary Educator of the Year 2023-2024 nomination form -

<https://forms.gle/xtzkaHNihD2Bg9nh9>

### **Middle School Educator of the Year 2023-2024**

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan 6th through 8th grade teacher. When considering to nominate a teacher for this award, a person should ask him/herself, "How is the nominee a Catholic role model for students?" The nominated teacher's creative and effective teaching strategies need to be described in the nomination form.

Nominations must be submitted before the end of the day January 28, 2024.

Link to Middle School Educator of the Year 2023-2024 nomination form -

<https://forms.gle/pvTSoeddcc4RZQu9A>

### **High School Educator of the Year 2023-2024**

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan 9th through 12th grade teacher. One should nominate a teacher for this award if that teacher is effectively teaching high school students in a Catholic and positive manner. A person nominated for this award understands the way adolescents learn and is not only able to meet their needs but surpass them.

Nominations must be submitted before the end of the day January 28, 2024.

Link to High School Educator of the Year 2023-2024 nomination form -  
<https://forms.gle/r5wwxA8FGkwv8hCu6>

### **Administrator of the Year 2023-2024**

This annual award recognizes an outstanding Catholic School administrator working in the Diocese of La Crosse. In a Catholic and joyful manner, the nominee should positively impact students. The person completing the nomination form should cite multiple examples of how the school administrator has been innovative and effective. Also, specific actions should be listed which illustrate how the administrator is a Catholic role model for students and their families.

This nomination must be submitted before the end of the day January 28, 2024.

Link to Administrator of the Year 2023-2024 nomination form -  
<https://forms.gle/DXtgo4wK2rdMCp897>