

St. Columban Parish

Spirit and Truth Award

“*Spirit and truth.*” It was the response Jesus gave to the woman he met that day at the well as he was passing through Samaria. Part of the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman was about worship: Her people, the Samaritans, worship on Mt. Gerizim, while the Jews worship in Jerusalem. Jesus informs her that —the hour is coming, and is already here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in *Spirit and Truth*; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in *Spirit and truth.* *Spirit and truth.* That is how we worship. Sunday after Sunday we gather to proclaim and experience the Spirit of God. Then, we are sent into the world to live out this reality in truth. Namely, to do, to make present in the world what we profess in church.

While we are all called to worship and live out our lives in *Spirit and truth*, there are some among us who go well beyond such a call. We know them. We see them. We experience their *Spirit and truth* in the daily market-places of our lives. Often such people go unnoticed. Yet, their contribution to our parish, our city and this world is enormous. Given that, our St. Columban Catholic Community chose to start giving the *St. Columban Spirit and Truth Award* on an annual basis, beginning last year. This award is given to a fellow parishioner who is outstanding in his or her faith, who gathers with us on Sunday to worship in *Spirit and in truth*, who lives out their baptismal call on a daily basis, who provides good example, promotes and inspires others into living out their own lives in *Spirit and truth*, and takes the command of Jesus seriously to serve others.

With the above in mind, we are asking you to nominate people for this award. Think and pray about those people in our community who truly make Christ present. The name of that person can be submitted on the form on page two of this newsletter and then sent into the Parish Office. The honorees will be notified via mail. We will honor such person(s) at the Grand Affair Gala on Saturday, February 27, 2010.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 683-0105.

All nominations are due Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

- Father Larry Tensi, Pastor

Please use the form below to nominate a member of our parish. The honoree will be notified by the Parish Office of their selection; additionally, we will notify you so that you may then congratulate the individual. The Spirit and Truth Honorees will be recognized at the Grand Affair Gala on February 27, 2010. Please be sure to send your nominee's name to the Parish Office before the deadline of December 1, 2009. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

Criteria: A member(s) of our St. Columban Parish who participates in Sunday Liturgy, and who exemplifies discipleship, stewardship, and fellowship. This person or couple lives his or her baptismal call in an extraordinary way. This person follows the word and work of Jesus Christ.

Please include a paragraph on why you are nominating this person as a “Spirit and Truth Award” Honoree:

Nominator's name: _____ Nominator's daytime phone number: _____

Nominator's mailing address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Please accept the following person as a “Spirit and Truth Award” Honoree:

Honoree's name _____ Honoree's daytime phone number: _____

Honoree's mailing address _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Awards Ceremony: Honorees will be recognized at the Grand Affair on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Oasis Ballroom.