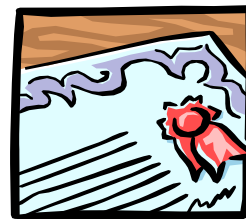
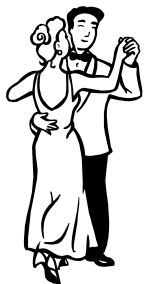


36th Annual

Bishop James A. McNulty Award Dinner Dance



Friday, November 14, 2008
Hearthstone Manor, Depew

Honoring

Mark O'Brien

Executive Director of Hopevale, Inc.

and

Youth and Adult Leaders from parishes across the Diocese

These parish awards are a great way to recognize those who give their time and talents to serve young people!

Your parish may choose to honor one young person and one adult (or married couple) who are committed to any form of ministry with youth, including:

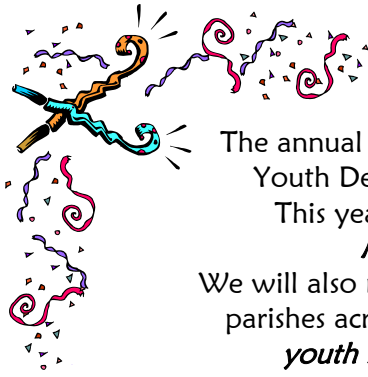
Youth group
Religious education
Confirmation program
Scouting
Coaching

Music or drama ministry
Youth liturgical ministry
Service and outreach
Retreat ministry
And more!

Bishop McNulty Award Dinner Dance - An Event for the Whole Group to Enjoy!

Dinner begins at 6:30 PM,
followed by the Awards Presentation
& a semi-formal Dance, ending at 12 AM

Tickets are only \$23.00
(includes a delicious buffet dinner,
beverages, and three hours of dancing)



A Special Celebration!

The annual Bishop McNulty Award Dinner Dance is a highlight of the Youth Department's year and typically attracts over 500 people. This year, the event will be a special celebration as we honor **Mark O'Brien** with the Bishop McNulty Award. We will also recognize the contributions of adult and youth leaders from parishes across the diocese. *We invite you to recognize an adult and youth from your parish and join us for this special occasion!*



The Event . . .

- 🌀 **Friday, November 14, 2008**
- 🌀 **Hearthstone Manor** (333 Dick Road in Depew)
- 🌀 **6:30 P.M. - 12 A.M.**
- 🌀 Dress is semi-formal
- 🌀 Ticket price is **\$23.00** (includes a buffet dinner, beverages, and 3 hours of dancing)
- 🌀 Deadline for ticket purchases is Friday, October 31, 2008.

Who can attend . . .

- 🌀 *young people*
- 🌀 *adults in youth ministry*
- 🌀 *priests and pastoral staff members*
- 🌀 *college students*
- 🌀 *parents and family members*
- 🌀 *other supporters from the parish*

Please invite your entire group and others from the parish to join us for this festive occasion. While this event is primarily designed for senior high youth, family members ages 12 and under may attend at a discounted price. (See ticket order form for details.)

The Youth Department looks forward to sharing the evening with you!

For more information . . .

Please contact the Youth Department at **716-847-8789** or youth@buffalodiocese.org. You may download and print award applications or ticket order forms from our web site at www.dobyouth.org.

BISHOP McNULTY DINNER DANCE RESERVATION FORM

Parish _____ City _____

Number of Award Recipients _____ Complimentary Tickets _____
 Number of Adult Attendees (over age 12) _____ @ \$23.00 each
 Number of Child Attendees (ages 6-12) _____ @ \$15.50 each (ages 5 and under are free)

Total Number of Tickets _____
 Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Diocese of Buffalo – Youth Department."

Send tickets to:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ (home) _____ (business)

Deadline for reservations is October 31, 2008. Tickets purchased are non-refundable. Cancellations accepted only until Friday, October 31, 2008. No cancellations accepted after this date.

Recognizing Those who Make a Difference!

The Bishop James A. McNulty Award . . .

The Bishop McNulty Award is presented each year by the Youth Department to honor someone who has contributed to the lives of young people.

In 2008, the Youth Department is pleased to present this award to

Mark O'Brien

Mark O'Brien has devoted much of his life to caring for youth and their families. As the Executive Director of Hopevale, Inc., Mark embodies the organization's mission which is "to rebuild young lives." Mark's leadership, direction, and passion for serving at-risk youth is a blessing to our community. His humble and creative style of servant leadership has shaped the work of Hopevale, Inc. and left a lasting, positive impact on countless young people and their families. With his Catholic faith to guide and support him, Mark is a tireless advocate for youth who helps the wider community to be attentive to the needs of youth.



Special Parish Awards . . .

Every parish may nominate young people and adults to receive special recognition from the Youth Department. **This is an important (and easy!) way to recognize special leaders who contribute to your parish's ministry with adolescents!**

- ☞ The *Spirit Awards* are presented to young people who are enthusiastic supporters of their parish's ministry with youth.
- ☞ The *St. Christopher Awards* are presented to adults who are active with and support their parish's ministry with young people in youth groups, religious education, scouting, and countless other ministries.



- ☞ An award application is on reverse side.
- ☞ Each parish that brings a group to this event is asked to designate one youth and one adult (or married couple) to receive these awards. ***Please note that you should submit only one person (or married couple) in each category.***
- ☞ **These are one-time only awards.** If you are uncertain of previous recipients from your parish, contact the Youth Department (716-847-8789 or youth@buffalodiocese.org) to check if your intended nominee has already received the award.
- ☞ Each nominee submitted will be recognized at the dinner and will receive a complimentary ticket. Nominees **MUST** be present to receive the awards.
- ☞ **As soon as nominees are selected by the parish, the nominator should inform them of this honor and invite the nominees' family and friends to attend the dinner.** The Youth Department will send a letter to all recipients to extend our congratulations and confirm the award, however it is typically best if the initial notification comes from a parish representative (pastor, youth ministry leader, etc.).

☞ **The deadline for all award nominations is Friday, October 31, 2008.**

ST. CHRISTOPHER & SPIRIT AWARD APPLICATION

Parish _____ City _____

Name of Nominator _____ Phone _____

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Nominees MUST be present to receive the awards.
2. These are one-time-only awards. If you are uncertain of previous recipients, contact the Youth Department (716-847-8789 or youth@buffalodiocese.org) to check if your potential nominee has already received the award.

ST. CHRISTOPHER AWARD - Presented to **one adult (or married couple)** who is active with young people with the parish's ministry with youth. (i.e. youth group, religious education, scouting, etc.)

Recipient _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Briefly describe the recipient's service to youth of the parish. Please be specific about activities, abilities and skills for which this person is being recognized. The citation will be written from the information provided.

SPIRIT AWARD - Presented to **one teenager** who is enthusiastic and active in the parish's ministry with youth. This award is designed for someone who is the "un-sung hero" and has not received recognition for his/her contributions to the group.

Recipient _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Briefly describe the recipient's spirit, enthusiasm, dedication and support to the youth program. Please be specific with activities and participation. The citation will be written from the information provided.

Parish Youth Director Signature

Pastor Signature

Use additional sheet if necessary

Deadline for submission – October 31, 2008