

GRAND TRAVERSE AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

HALL OF FAME

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING LETTERS OF SUPPORT

To submit a letter of support to the GTACS Hall of Fame, mail your letter(s) along with any support materials to the address below (must be received by June 15 of the year in which the nomination is submitted):

GRAND TRAVERSE AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Hall of Fame Selection Committee

123 East Eleventh Street

Traverse City, MI 49684

(231) 941-4523 or kbritten@gtacs.org

PURPOSE OF THE HALL OF FAME

The Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools Hall of Fame was established in 2007. Its purpose is to recognize individuals who inspire others by being exemplary role models, particularly the following:

- *Those whose faith, service, and/or leadership embody the ideals of Christian life*
- *Those who have made a lasting impact on our Catholic school community*
- *Those who inspire others to seek what is Good, Beautiful, and True in this life in the hopes of eternal life with God*

Many people deserving of this recognition may be loath to receive it. Humility is one of the things that makes them exemplary role models. However, as a school community, we wish to celebrate those who have left an indelible mark, who have changed us for the better, regardless of age, occupation, or worldly success. In their stories, our students can see potential for their own lives, and that is ample reason for this endeavor.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nominations Due June 15

To be considered, a candidate must have one primary nomination letter plus a minimum of three (3) supporting letters of recommendation. Ideally, these letters will reveal a breadth and depth of character, and a variety of reasons for the individual (or couple's) recognition. Stellar examples having a singular focus can also be considered. Current GTACS employees, with a minimum of 25 years of employment at GTACS and/or over the age of 70 are eligible for nomination.

Here are some suggestions for inclusion in the nomination packet:

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| ✦ Volunteer activities | ✦ Awards and recognitions |
| ✦ Memberships in civic organizations or service clubs | ✦ Military service |
| ✦ Parish involvement (volunteering, councils, ministries, pastor's letter, etc.) | ✦ Mission work |
| ✦ Educational background including alumni status, if applicable | ✦ Stories of impact in others' lives |
| ✦ Professional accomplishments | ✦ Contributions to arts, athletics, or other extracurricular programs |

Please see the next page for additional suggestions for those developing nomination materials. Thank you!



Another way of describing a person's exemplary character is to write about them relative to these seven Christian virtues:

PRUDENCE

Ability to use their powers of reason to see what is good and what is evil; the ability to make moral choices.

JUSTICE

Respect for others' rights; striving for conditions that serve the common good.

FORTITUDE

Having the courage to stand up for what is good and right, sacrificing oneself for just causes.

TEMPERANCE

Leading people to practice moderation in the pleasures they seek and in the goods they use.

FAITH

Willingness to commit entirely to God, to do good works and be a witness to Christianity.

HOPE

Having a desire for eternal life in the kingdom of heaven.

CHARITY

Loving God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

INSPIRATION FROM THE SAINTS

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. – St. Thomas Aquinas

Good is never accomplished except at the cost of those who do it, truth never breaks through except through the sacrifice of those who spread it. – St. John Henry Newman

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. – St. Francis of Assisi

I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God.
– St. Dominic Savio

We must teach more by example than by word. – St. Mary MacKillop

A Christian's treasure is not on earth. It is in heaven. Well, then! Our thoughts must go where our treasure is. Man has a fine function: to pray and to love. You pray, you love: that is man's happiness on earth. – St. John Vianney

Love never says: I have done enough! – St. Marie Eugenie de Jesus

The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who give much. – St. John Chrysostom

God has not called you to be successful. He has called you to be faithful. – Pope Benedict XVI