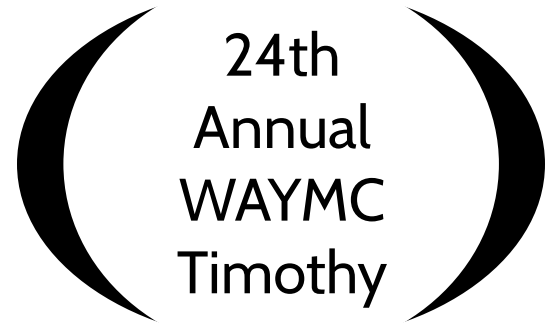


Timothy* Youth Appreciation Event



Sunday, April 24, 2022
3:00–approximately 5:00pm
St. Edith–Livonia

Please join us in honoring teens from the parishes of the Western Wayne and Northwest Wayne Vicariates whose efforts in leadership, Christian service, and commitment to their families, parishes, schools, and civic communities have stood out.

Each parish is invited to nominate up to eight young people for the **Youth Appreciation Certificate**, and one additional young person for the **Award of Excellence**.

All teens submitted will be recognized.

Every participating parish is asked to help with the ceremony in some way, by assisting with set up or clean up, helping with hospitality, or leading a prayer. Contact Carol Nelius at 734-765-5525 or Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-910-6840 to sign up for a role.

Award criteria is listed on nomination forms. Please see attached 'Dates & Details to Remember' page for submission deadlines and a list of what each participating parish needs to provide.

Please invite your pastors and deacons to attend! Their presence shows your teens that they are invested in and proud of the young people of the parish.

*"Let no one look down on you because of your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Dates & Details to Remember

- Each parish can nominate up to **8** teens for the Appreciation Certificate and **1** teen for the Award of Excellence (but parishes can participate with only 1– 2 teens.)
- For each nominee, the parish must provide a nomination form filled out by nominator, a youth profile filled out by teen, and a biography written by nominator. A photo is optional. See separate page for how to submit nominations.
- **NOW**—Invite your pastors and deacons to attend the ceremony. Their attendance shows the nominated teens that they are invested in and proud of the youth of the parish.

April 8th, 2022—Nominations are due! If sending by mail, please get in the mail by April 6th so they can arrive by the 8th. If sending by email or online, please submit by April 8th.

- Videotaping—again this year we'd like to include a short video segment to our program. Consider sending any of your nominated teens to be taped on one of the following dates:
 - * **Monday, April 11th, 6-7pm at St. Colette**
 - OR**
 - * **Wednesday, April 13th, 6-7pm at St. Colette**We will tape interviews on a first come, first serve basis, so please be prepared for the possibility of a brief wait. The actual interview will last no longer than 2-3 minutes, and they will be edited together for the ceremony.
- **April 19nd, 2022**—RSVP the number of expected guests from your parish to:
Mary Jo Parnell at St. Colette at 734-464-1677 or youthministry@stcolette.net
- All participating parishes are asked to help with the ceremony in some way. Contact Carol Nelius at 734-765-5525 or Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-910-6840 to get a list of possible roles.
- **April 24th, 2022**—Youth Ministers, DRE's or others who are nominating teens should arrive at St. Edith shortly before 3:00pm, to help greet your awardees and their guests.

Updates for 2022 Timothy Awards:

* **NEW THIS YEAR:** The nomination form, youth biography, and youth profile form can all be filled out online if you choose. If you or your teens fill out any of the forms online, you'll get an email from us in 1-2 days confirming that we received it. See back of this page for options on how you can submit nominations.

* All pictures will be displayed digitally. If you are able to send us electronic copies of your photos instead of paper copies, that would be great, to save us the time in scanning each picture. Photos can be emailed to youthministry@stcolette.net. Please be sure to include both the teen name and parish name in the email.

* **PLEASE NOTE:** The instructions for the biographies ask you to submit them to us in Times New Roman, size 12 font. The reason for this is that we try to make the biographies similar in length, and it makes it much easier to edit for length when we can compare them in the same size font. It really does save us a lot of time in editing.

* The reception begins at 3pm, with the ceremony starting at 3:30pm. Please be sure your teens are on time, so the ceremony can begin on time.

* **PLEASE** remember to include the Youth Profile form filled out by your teen with your packet. If we need to add info to biographies to make them longer, this form is necessary. Thank you!

* Like all events happening during COVID, this event is subject to change. We will be abiding by whatever safety protocols are in place within the AOD and our host parish for April 24th, which will be announced in the weeks before the event.

Timothy paperwork is due to St. Colette by Friday, April 8th!

Parishes can nominate teens for a Timothy Youth Appreciation Certificate or a Timothy Award of Excellence in three ways:

By Mail

The packet of nomination forms can be printed, filled out by hand, and mailed to St. Colette, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia MI 48152.

If you need to print additional forms they can be found on the St. Colette website:

stcolette.net/waymc-timothy-youth-appreciation-event.html

By Email

Nomination forms can be sent in by email - you can type the information from the form into an email, or you can scan handwritten forms and send them by email to **youthministry@stcolette.net**. If you send your information by email, please also be sure to send a master list of your teens so that we know we haven't missed anyone.

Online

This year we have online forms that can be filled out on our website, including an online form for your teens to fill out their youth profile. You or your teens can also use the website to upload photos. You can find links to these online forms on the St. Colette website at:

stcolette.net/waymc-timothy-youth-appreciation-event.html

If you choose to use these forms, you will get an email confirmation from us within 1-2 days that we have received it.

Your teens may prefer the online teen profile form but you may prefer to mail or email your nomination forms - it's ok if you use both methods.

You might wonder why we request of a copy of the Youth Profile form (filled out by the nominated teen), even though we ask the Youth Minister (or other nominator) to write a biography. The reason is that even with a biography turned in, we very often need to refer to the Youth Profile when editing the biographies, either for additional information or for clarification. So if you send us your biographies by email or the online form, please be sure to also mail/email us copies of the Youth Profile form filled out by the teen for reference.

All photos are used in a digital photo display. If you choose to contribute photos for the display, it is helpful for you to send them by email or upload using the online form, so we don't have to scan them ourselves.

Master Checklist

One form per parish to be completed by the Parish Contact person

Please include this checklist when you submit your packet
Packets are due to St. Colette by Friday, April 8th

NAME OF PARISH _____

Mailing address of parish _____

Parish phone number _____

PARISH CONTACT PERSON _____

Daytime phone number _____ Email _____

YOUTH APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE recipients:	Nomination Form	Youth Profile	Photo-digital or hard copy (optional)	Biography
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				

TIMOTHY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE recipient:	Nomination Form	Youth Profile	Photo (optional)	Biography
1.				

Youth Profile

(to be filled out by the nominated teen)

Name: _____ Phonetical Spelling: _____
example: Mary Neuhouser becomes Mary New-howz-er

Parish: _____ Circle: Male Female

Grade: _____ Phone #: _____

School: _____ Email: _____
(in case we have questions about this form)

Please include a wallet sized picture of yourself with your name and parish written on the back, or send in a digital copy.

Please answer these questions as though the person reading this has never met you. Portions of this profile will be read at the ceremony.

1. Please list activities in which you displayed outstanding Leadership, Christian Service, and/or Commitment. Be specific—include details about how you’ve volunteered your time and talents. Do NOT include sports or academic activities UNLESS you have a leadership role—captain of a team, leadership role in an organization, etc.

2. What are some things that you have learned or gained from your volunteer activities?

Award of Excellence Nomination Form

Award Criteria

- Teens should be high school aged youth in grades 9-12.
- The award recognizes achievements from the previous year only (January 2021-January 2022.)
- No sporting or academic achievements will be recognized UNLESS the teen has a leadership role within a sports team or academic club.
- Teens cannot be nominated for both the Youth Appreciation Certificate and the Award of Excellence in the same year.
- Teens will be recognized for **outstanding excellence** in at least three or more of the following areas— please check all that apply, but choose at least three:

_____ **ADVOCACY** - “stands up for adolescents, especially those who are voiceless and powerless in society...shapes a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of adolescents and their families on public issues that affect their lives... empowers young people by giving them a voice.”

_____ **CATECHESIS** - “helps adolescents *develop* a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Christian community, and *increases* their knowledge of the core content of the Catholic faith”

_____ **COMMUNITY LIFE** (including Multicultural and Special Needs) - “*builds* an environment...*develops* meaningful relationships...*nurtures* Catholic faith; not only *what* we do (activity), but *who* we are (identity) and *how* we interact (relationships).”

_____ **EVANGELIZATION** - “proclaims Jesus Christ and the Good News...witnesses to our faith in Jesus Christ...reaches out to young people... invites young people personally into the life and mission of the Catholic community...calls young people to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus...challenges young people to...a life of discipleship...calls young people to be evangelizers.”

_____ **JUSTICE & SERVICE** - “*nurtures* in young people a social conscience and a commitment to a life of justice and service rooted in their faith... *empowers* young people to work for justice by concrete efforts...*infuses* the concepts of justice, peace, and human dignity into all ministry efforts.”

_____ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**- “*calls forth, affirms, and empowers* the diverse gifts, talents, and abilities of adults and young people in our faith communities for comprehensive ministry with adolescents...empowers all young people for leadership and ministry with their peers in schools, parishes and civic communities.”

_____ **PASTORAL CARE** - “*promotes* positive adolescent and family development...cares for adolescents and families in crises...*provides guidance*; is most fundamentally a relationship - a ministry of compassionate presence.”

_____ **PRAYER & WORSHIP** - “*promotes* the authentic participation of youth in liturgy; attends to the diversity of cultures and ages in the assembly; provides opportunities for creative prayer with adolescents in peer, family, and intergenerational settings; promotes effective preaching of the word; allows music and song to express the vitality of young people; prepares the symbols and ritual actions with particular care for their visual dimensions; develops the interpersonal and communal dimensions of the liturgy; provides adolescents with effective and intentional catechesis for liturgy, worship, and sacraments; apprentices adolescents in liturgical ministries.”

*All Components of Comprehensive Youth Ministry listed above are taken from
Renewing the Vision—a Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry, approved by the USCCB in 1997.*

Parish Name & City _____

Recipient Name _____

Grade _____ School _____

Nominated by _____

Position _____ Email _____

Youth Appreciation Certificate Nomination Form

Award Criteria

- Teens should be high school aged youth in grades 9-12.
- The award recognizes achievements from the previous year only (January 2021-January 2022.)
- No sporting or academic achievements will be recognized UNLESS the teen has a leadership role within a sports team or academic club.
- Teens cannot be nominated for both the Youth Appreciation Certificate and the Award of Excellence in the same year.
- Teens will be recognized in one or more of the following areas:

Leadership

Performance, vision, and initiative beyond community service activities. What has been outstanding about the teen's leadership and initiative, or, how has this teen stood out for his ability to spread the Good News to others or to be a faith witness?

Christian Service

Quality and impact of community service meant for the betterment of an organization. What service does the teen perform that makes him/her stand out, not including required service time and activities?

Commitment

Reliability and dedication to accomplish the unique service objectives of the organization. What is unusual about the teen's commitment with respect to reliability, dedication, and time?

Parish Name & City _____

Recipient Name _____

Grade _____ School _____

Nominated by _____

Position _____ Email _____

Recognition categories—check all that apply:

Leadership

___ Parish

___ Family

___ Civic Community

___ School Community

Christian Service

___ Parish

___ Family

___ Civic Community

___ School Community

Commitment

___ Parish

___ Family

___ Civic Community

___ School Community

Youth Biography

(to be written & attached by the nominator)

As each teen receives their award during the ceremony, a short biography is read that highlights their accomplishments. In order to be sure that the statements read are somewhat consistent in tone and timing, they will be edited by the Timothy Recognition Committee so that the event runs smoothly.

We ask that each Timothy Youth Appreciation Certificate Recipient have a complete bio that is 5-8 typed lines long in total; each Timothy Award of Excellence Recipient is to have a bio between 9-12 typed lines. ***Each bio should be TYPED, doubled spaced, in a 12 point Times New Roman font.*** *This format will make it easier for the Youth Ministers who edit the bios make sure that they are comparable in length. Please see the sample bios below for an example of how long they should end up.*

Please begin the bio with:

*(Insert name) is a (insert year in high school) at (insert high school). Conclude with no more than 5-7 additional lines for the Youth Appreciation Certificate and 9-11 additional lines for the Award of Excellence. Please do not include any sporting or academic (GPA or NHS) comments, **except** for leadership positions within those organizations.*

Please remember the bios will be edited so that the evening runs smoothly.

Sample Bios

Robert Grandon—St. Someone Parish—Appreciation Certificate

Robert Grandon is a junior at Garden City High School. He volunteers at Mass as an Usher and also helps with the Living Stations of the Cross during Lent. Robert has participated in the PBJ Outreach program and helped elderly parishioners with raking leaves and shoveling snow. At school Robert is the president of the Chess Club. He attends most Youth Ministry activities and can always be counted on to lend a helping hand. Robert appreciates the chance to serve the parish and hopes his actions can make a difference.

Lindsay Wilke—St. Someone Parish—Appreciation Certificate

Lindsay Wilke (Will-key) is a senior at Ladywood High School. She is a member of her parish youth ministry leadership team, is a 4th grade catechist, and is a member of the parish choir. Lindsay loves to participate in service projects, especially serving the hungry, and regularly visits the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The role she has most enjoyed within the parish is the youth leadership team, where she has had a chance to share her faith with her peers and help them to explore their own relationships with God.