**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 2019-January 2020.)

 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 Christian Service Commitment**

 \_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_ Parish

 \_\_\_ Family \_\_\_ Family \_\_\_ Family

 \_\_\_ Civic Community \_\_\_ Civic Community \_\_\_ Civic Community

 \_\_\_ School Community \_\_\_ School 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.