



The Angel Award

Diocese of Gary
Office of Catholic Schools



GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

MISSION

The Angel Award, named in honor of the Holy Angels, the patrons of the Diocese of Gary, is given to recognize the outstanding, creative, and innovative accomplishments of individual teachers in the Diocese of Gary.

The Angel Award is presented to:

- An Elementary School Teacher (Grades PK-5)
- A Middle School Teacher (Grades 6-7-8)
- A High School Teacher

In all, three (3) Angel Awards are granted annually.

NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

The nominated teacher must be a full-time, Certified Teacher (**) in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Gary who is actively engaged in the direct teaching of students. The nominee must have a minimum of five (5) years of service in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Gary and model a Christian faith-filled life. In addition, the nominee:

- is an outstanding teacher who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- is respected and admired by students, parents, and colleagues;
- promotes and practices collegiality;
- is poised and articulate, with excellent written and oral communication skills;
- keeps abreast of current educational literature, research, and practices;
- demonstrates exceptional commitment, leadership, and service to the school, parish, and/or community

****Certified Teacher**

- * *Nominee has fulfilled the yearly diocesan requirement of Religious Education / Formation classes.*
- * *Nominee has fulfilled one (1) of the following:*
 - A. A State of Indiana License in an academic area of teaching*
 - B. Theology Teachers (one of the following):*
 - † *Academic major or minor in Theology*
 - † *Completion of the Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program*

Nominations may be made by anyone within the Diocese of Gary – students, parents, colleagues, administrators, pastors, and others.

AWARDS

The Angel Award winners receive a monetary and a commemorative award, and recognition from the Superintendent of Schools. Each winner is also given the opportunity to pursue college course work through a scholarship as well.