

Timothy* Youth Appreciation Event



Sunday, April 30, 2023
3:00pm—approximately 5:00pm
St. Thomas a'Becket, Canton

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/clean up, helping with hospitality, or leading a prayer. Contact Tony Attard (734) 890-9241 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 nominee.
- 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 3, 2023—Nominations are due! If sending by mail, please mail by March 31, 2023 so they can arrive in time. If sending by email or online, please submit by April 3, 2023.

- Videotaping—again this year we are including a short video segment to our program. Consider sending any of your nominated teens to be taped on one of the following dates:
 - * **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 6-7pm at St. Thomas a’Becket, Canton**
 - * **Thursday, April 13, 2023 6-7pm at St. Thomas a’Becket, Canton**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 23, 2023**—RSVP the number of expected guests from your parish to:
Tony Attard at St. Thomas a’Becket at (734) 890-9241 or tony.attard@abecket.org
- All participating parishes are asked to help with the ceremony in some way. Contact Tony Attard at St. Thomas a’Becket at (734) 890-9241 to get a list of possible roles available.
- **April 30, 2023**—Youth Ministers, DRE’s or others who are nominating teens should arrive at St. Thomas a’Becket shortly before 3:00pm, to help greet your awardees and their guests.

Reminders for 2023 Timothy Awards:

* 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 will get a confirmation email in 1-2 days.

* 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 tony.attard@abecket.org. 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 3:00pm, with the ceremony prompting starting at 3:30pm. Please be sure your teens know the schedule, 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 information 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 Archdiocese of Detroit and our host parish for April 30, 2023, which will be announced in the weeks before the event. St. Thomas a'Becket has sectioned off the north part of the church for those who would like to adhere to social distancing with masks.

Timothy paperwork is due to St. Thomas a'Becket by Monday, April 3, 2023

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. Thomas a'Becket, Attn: Tony Attard, 555 South Lilley Road, Canton MI 48188.

If you need to print additional copies of the forms, they can be found on the St. Thomas a'Becket website at <https://abecket.org/waymc-timothy-awards>

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 tony.attard@abecket.org. If you send your information by email, please also be sure to send a master list of your teens so that we know we have not 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. Thomas a'Becket website at: <https://abecket.org/waymc-timothy-awards>

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 is 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 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