



THE BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL THE SERVANT OF GOD, FR. PATRICK RYAN AWARD

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

THE SERVANT OF GOD, FR. PATRICK RYAN AWARD IS GIVEN EACH YEAR TO MEMBERS OF THE PARISH WHO EXEMPLIFY THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUE OF CHARITY IN IMITATION OF THE HEROIC WITNESS OF FR. PATRICK RYAN. INSPIRED BY HIS EXAMPLE TO THAT SAME MEASURE OF CHARITY TOWARD ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED, THE RECIPIENT OF THIS AWARD HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR SELFLESS SERVICE, ESPECIALLY TOWARDS THE POOR AND NEEDY.

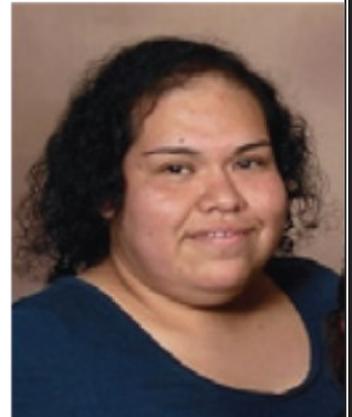
ADAM FOSTER

Adam Foster has been a model of Charity in Action in the spirit of the former pastor of this parish, the Servant of God, Father Patrick Ryan. This year, he organized a major tornado cleanup effort for members of our community whose homes were destroyed by the tornadoes, enlisting the help of other Knights of Columbus and fellow parishioners. He also initiated a fundraising campaign to build a ramp for a handicapped Knight and fellow parishioner. Besides his efforts in the Knights of Columbus, Adam revitalized our Usher/Greeter ministry with new leadership and remains an active participant and recruiter for this important ministry of hospitality in our parish. Adam's willingness to step in and help in difficult situations that many people would naturally avoid exemplifies the virtue of charity that the Servant of God, Father Patrick Ryan showed to the City of Chattanooga, and therefore, he has been chosen as one of the 2020 recipients of this award.



GUADALUPE MORALES

Guadalupe Morales is originally from Tijuana, Mexico, and she is married to Mauricio Zarco. She is an active member of our parish and has been nominated for the award for doing charity following the example of Father Patrick Ryan. In this time of pandemic, when people were unable to come to church, she organized a tour for the priests to visit many families in the parish with the Blessed Sacrament, and she accompanied these processions as a guide. Guadalupe is actively involved in organizations that donate food for the Hispanic community. She brings food directly to families in need, takes people to clinics to translate for them, and visits with families to pray when they have lost a relative. In addition to serving as the representative of the Hispanic community on the parish pastoral council, she is a catechist of children preparing for their First Holy Communion. Guadalupe is an example of humility and service in any situation. The charitable spirit of the Servant of God, Father Patrick Ryan lives on in the parish of Sts. Peter and Paul in parishioners like Guadalupe Morales who are modern day examples of Charity in Action. For these reasons, she has been chosen to be one of the 2020 recipients of this award.



In Christ Jesus,

Rev. J. David Carter, JCL, Pastor and Rector