



THE BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL THE JOY OF TRADITION AWARD

JUNE 26, 2022

THE JOY OF TRADITION AWARD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED BY THEIR LIFE AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR PARISH THE JOY THAT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH BRINGS. IT IS A TESTIMONY TO THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR FAITH, AND FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM IN PROMOTING THE SACRED TRADITIONS IN LITURGY, MINISTRY, AND SERVICE TO OUR PARISH.

BRENDA MCCONNELL

Brenda McConnell joined our parish in 2016 with her husband, the late Dcn. Tom McConnell, as converts to the Catholic faith. She is the mother of four, two of whom they adopted, and she has four grandchildren. Brenda contributes behind-the-scenes and as a participant in the Joy of Tradition we cherish at the Basilica. Especially in her role as a daily sacristan and now as interim Altar Ministry Coordinator, Brenda is responsible for the clean linens that we take for granted, the care and maintenance of the wax candles, the vestments, and various other sacred items that make our worship so beautiful. Brenda is a faithful attendee of the daily 12pm Mass and also brings her great love for Sacred Scripture and the Catholic faith to her participation in the ministry of lector. Brenda also continues to catechize and teach at The Deacon's Table, the weekly adult faith formation opportunity that she began with Dcn. Tom. Brenda McConnell radiates the Joy of Tradition in her daily presence at the Basilica, and she has been chosen to receive the Joy of Tradition award in 2022.



SISTER IMELDA QUECHOL

As the devoted coordinator and teacher of our Hispanic Ministry for the past six years, Sister Imelda Quechol, MAG, has instilled a love of Catholic tradition in our community. She encouraged the education of our choir and congregation in the sacred music tradition that now flourishes in our parish. Sister directs all the Hispanic liturgical ministries – servers, lectors, ushers, etc., and she assists hands-on in making our processions and sacramental celebrations beautiful. She is also responsible for instituting all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Basilica. A native of Mexico, for years Sister Imelda has been the driving force behind the solemn procession of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe through the streets of Chattanooga and the subsequent Mass, dinner, and play dramatizing the events surrounding the apparition that promote this sacred tradition. For Sister Imelda's tireless effort to keep people engaged and participating in Catholic traditions, she has been chosen as a 2022 recipient of the Joy of Tradition award.



In Christ Jesus,

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