

# BISHOP PAUL V. DONOVAN FOUNDER'S SOCIETY

## AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

### BACKGROUND



Most Reverend  
Paul V. Donovan



The Bishop Paul V. Donovan Founder's Society Award was established by Bishop Paul J. Bradley in 2021 in honor of the Diocese of Kalamazoo's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment by Pope Paul VI.

The award honors the tireless service and pastoral ministry of the Diocese of Kalamazoo's founding bishop, the Most Reverend Paul Vincent Donovan.

Bishop Donovan served as the first Shepherd of the Diocese from July 21, 1971 until his retirement in January, 1995. He chose as his Episcopal Motto: "To serve rather than be served." (Matthew 20:28)

Honorees of this distinguished diocesan recognition are chosen from among those who exemplify tireless service in the Name of Jesus and who reflect a love for God through service to the Church and others.

### NOMINEE CRITERIA

Nominees for the award must meet the following minimal requirements:

- Be a Catholic in good standing Reside in the Diocese of Kalamazoo
- Have a proven history of pastoral ministry and service within the Diocese of Kalamazoo which has impacted a significant number of the Faithful
- Be nominated by a member of the clergy, religious or lay faithful of the Diocese of Kalamazoo



### Past Recipients

FOR THE BISHOP PAUL V. DONOVAN  
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**2021**

Sir Michael Emmons  
Sister Betty Veenhuis

**2022**

Msgr. Michael Hazard  
Mrs. Peggy (Margaret) Gallagher

**Nominations must be received by the Office of the Bishop no later than April 30, 2023.**

*The Bishop, in consultation with the diocesan Leadership Team, will review applications and determine final award recipients. Special recognition of honorees is held at a diocesan Mass and reception at St. Augustine Cathedral where the recipients are awarded custom bronze medallions.*



Please review attached fillable form and submit via email to  
The Diocese of Kalamazoo \*(visit [www.diokzoo.org/foundersaward](http://www.diokzoo.org/foundersaward) to complete and submit online)



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### NOMINATION FORM\*

NOMINEE (please complete the information on the person you are nominating for the Bishop Paul V. Donovan Founder's Award)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR NOMINATION (please describe in 500 words or less why you are nominating this person. Please include specific examples from the person's work for the Church and/or Catholic ministry. You may also attach any previous awards or background information).

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NOMINATED BY (required):

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

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