



# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOSTS ANNUAL BOARD DINNER**

Catholic Charities, Inc., held its third annual Board Dinner on Thursday April 30, 2009, at the Saint Rose of Lima Maria Parish Center in Altoona.

Catholic Charities presented the 2009 Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award to Sister Carol Jean Czyrnik, CCW, (Garvey Manor Nursing Home), Gail Hite (Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg), Greg Eli Piper (Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte) and Sister Jane Rosko, CSJ (Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Lilly). The Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award is given to persons demonstrating a significant, long-term commitment (professional or volunteer) to serving the poor, marginalized and most vulnerable within our Diocesan community.

Winners of the Matthew 25 Student Service Award were also recognized at the dinner. This year's recipients are Stephanie Bosak (Altoona Area High School), "Alex" Hyun Woo Chung (Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School), Theodore Rogers (Saint Benedict Catholic School, Johnstown) and Madeline Suba (Huntingdon Area Middle School). The Matthew 25 Award is given to students whose service to others reflects the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25 (*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.* Matthew 25: 35-36, 40), the mission of Catholic Charities and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.