

Shrine of Saint Joseph the Worker – Lowell, Massachusetts

CHRISTIAN WORKER RECOGNITION AWARD – 2026

Each year *St. Joseph the Worker Shrine* selects a person in the community at large for recognition. Established in 2016, the 60th anniversary of the Shrine’s formal dedication, the award celebrates an individual who exemplifies the virtues embodied by St. Joseph in the home, in the workplace and in the civic community.

Recipients to date:

Paul Demers – a local businessman

Al Daigle – an accountant

Frank Stewart – an electrical contractor

Dotti and Mike McDermott – health care providers

Donna Desmond – hospital nurse manager

Thomas Santosuosso – airline mechanic

Bob Cox – advocate

Karen Gallagher – a nurse

Kevin Roy – a Corrections Official

Sandra Patenaude – a line worker

Nancy Humphrey – educator/advocate

Ed Oliveri – realtor

Rebecca Duda – educator/advocate

Hank Golec – educator/mentor

We ask for **your recommendations** in helping us make this year’s selection.

THE CRITERIA

The person should be a worker, a man or woman for others, who through his or her actions in the workplace demonstrates the Christian values of faith, service, personal integrity, respect, spirituality, humility and care for the whole person. The Christian worker should show his/her love for God through his/her love for “neighbors”. This would include concern for the disadvantaged and marginalized and respect for all, in and out of the workplace.

Using work to provide a livelihood for their families and themselves, Christian worker should act in such a way as to also benefit the larger society. They should use personal labor, talent and energy for the greater good of all.

The candidate should also embody the values of Saint Joseph who was a just, honest and courageous man but also a person of action. Through his resolute actions, he demonstrated his faith, love and acceptance of God’s will under challenging and even dangerous circumstances. Joseph took on immense responsibility humbly and without hesitation.

The nominee should be an active Catholic engaged in either the private or public sectors
– working in either labor or management positions.

The recipient(s) will be selected by a designated committee appointed by the Shrine Director, Fr. Michael Amesse, OMI.

Please submit your recommendations in the coming weeks.

Nominations will **close on Saturday, August 8th, 2026.**

The person(s) selected for this year’s award will be announced in the Bulletin on **Labor Day weekend.** The award will be presented on the following Saturday, **September 12th at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass.**

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NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Work Phone: _____
Address _____ Home/Mobile Phone: _____
_____ email: _____
Company: _____ Position/Job title: _____
Parish: _____

PLEASE TOUCH UPON THE FOLLOWING IN SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION:

Describe the work for which you are nominating this individual – if possible, give specific examples of the nominee’s faith-based leadership.

Is there an ethical dilemma/adversity the nominee has faced and resolved in his/her work environment?

List any major parish, diocesan, spiritually based and/or non-church community organizations to which the nominee belongs.

Include any additional information about how the nominee serves the community, include his/her personal qualities and background, special interests, family or education that supports your nomination.

Addressing the CRITERIA on a separate sheet, please attach the write-up of your nominee’s qualification to this form & submit both

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Home/Mobile Phone: _____
Address _____ email: _____
_____ your parish: _____
Employer/Occupation: _____
How long you have known this nominee: _____

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine
Christian Worker Recognition Award

or send via **email** to: sjwssec@stjosephshrine.org
or send via **FAX** to: 1(978) 441-0963

37 Lee St
Lowell, MA 01852

or drop a sealed envelope in the **collection boxes**