



## ***News Release***

### **FOOD SERVER AT SAINT THERESE OF OXBOW LAKE RECOGNIZED WITH PRESTIGIOUS “CAREGIVER OF THE YEAR” AWARD**

*Lino Anunciacion honored for enhancing the quality of life for seniors*

**ST. LOUIS PARK, MINN (February 25, 2026)** – Each year, LeadingAge Minnesota’s Caregiver of the Year award recognizes an individual who goes beyond expectations to greatly enhance the quality of life for seniors and their communities. This year’s regional Caregiver of the Year award recipient for District G is Lino Anunciacion, Lead Food Server at Saint Therese of Oxbow Lake in Brooklyn Park.

Anunciacion was recognized February 10, 2026, at the annual “Stars Among Us” Awards Banquet during LeadingAge Minnesota’s annual conference in St. Paul. The Caregiver of the Year award is a distinguished recognition presented by the statewide aging services association and is part of a long-standing awards program that for more than 35 years has celebrated individuals and organizations whose leadership, compassion, innovation, and dedication elevate the lives of older adults across Minnesota.

At the Brooklyn Park senior community, Anunciacion has become known for bringing warmth and music into the dining room, creating meaningful connections with residents during each shift.

“At Saint Therese, we talk about welcoming others, showing respect, and serving with heart. Lino lives those values every single day,” said Christine DeLander, Executive Director at Saint Therese of Oxbow Lake. “He goes beyond his role as Lead Server to create moments of comfort and joy, often serenading

residents during meals. His compassion and joyful spirit make a lasting impact on everyone in our community.”

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**About Saint Therese:** Minnesota-based Saint Therese was founded in 1964 and prides itself on its rich tradition of providing exceptional care for seniors. It has locations and services in Brooklyn Park, Woodbury, Corcoran, Shoreview (all Minnesota), IHM Senior Living Community in Monroe, Mich., St. Mary of the Woods in Avon, Ohio, and Saint Therese of Westlake in Westlake, Ohio. Most communities provide the full continuum of care from independent living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and transitional care. Saint Therese at St. Odilia in Shoreview specializes in hospice and palliative care. Ascend Rehabilitation provides rehabilitation therapy, health and wellness services. Saint Therese is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) senior care organization.

**About LeadingAge Minnesota**

Driven to transform and enhance the experience of aging, LeadingAge Minnesota works alongside its members, caregivers, advocates and consumers to collectively shape the future of aging services and ensure older adults in every community live with dignity, meaning and purpose. Together with more than 60,000 caregivers, LeadingAge Minnesota members provide quality care, services and support to 70,000 older adults every day in independent senior housing, assisted living communities, adult day, in-home care and skilled nursing facilities.

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