

March 10, 2010

Dear Friend,

On **Saturday, May 1** our CYFM community will recognize some very special people. I invite you to join us in this celebration of the gifts we have been given as a community, and the gifts we have been given in our members. We will have our **Sixteenth Annual Awards and Senior Recognition Dinner Dance** at Chalet on the Hudson, 3250 Route 9 D, Cold Spring, from **6:00 – 11:00 PM**.

We will recognize our graduating seniors with whom we have been honored to journey over the last couple of years. We will present some with a scholarship to help them in their college career. We will also honor with awards a few of the many adult members of our CYFM community for their dedicated work and service with teenagers. We will present these awards to the following people:

The *Bonaventure Award*, honoring leaders in Religious Education and Spiritual Development of youth in a school, on the parish or diocesan level will go to:

Matt Burke – Director of Campus Ministry, Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie, New York

The recipients of the *Solanus Casey Award*, which recognizes adults in youth ministry for outstanding advocacy of and service to youth through CYFM and/or in a parish, will be:

Rita Dlug – Youth Minister, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, East Patchogue, New York

Jackie Gonzalez – Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey

Our *Franciscan Award*, which recognizes people who further among us the charisms of St. Francis of loving generosity and service, will be given to:

Dave and Kathy Bell – Youth Ministers and leaders in many other ministries in St. Columba Parish, Hopewell Junction, New York

I hope you will join us in celebrating CYFM, and especially these people, by your presence at the Dinner Dance. I have enclosed a dinner reservation form for your convenience. I also ask that you consider supporting CYFM and our young people by placing an ad in our Journal, which we will publish for the occasion. You will find a form for that as well. God bless and keep you,

Sincerely yours,

Tom Brinkmann
Executive Director