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Catholic Charities seeks nominations for Bishop Charron Caritas Award

Catholic Charities is pleased to announce that it is taking applications for the fifth annual Bishop Charron Caritas Award. The award is presented to an individual and organization that shows exceptional compassion, service and love to all those in need through their volunteer work with Catholic Charities. The award is named for retired Bishop Joseph L. Charron, who not only served the Diocese of Des Moines from 1994 to 2007, but also inspired people of all faiths to join Catholic Charities in service to those in need.

Nominations for this award are open to the public now and are due by May 2. Applications can be obtained by calling 515-237-5019, by emailing pnestvedt@dmdiocese.org or online at www.CatholicCharitiesDM.org.

The Bishop Charron Caritas Award recipients will be named during Catholic Charities' Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in late May and honored publically at Catholic Charities Night at the Iowa Cubs on June 23 at Principal Park in Des Moines.

In addition to showing compassion, serving with humility and displaying love for all people, the nominees will be judged on four criteria: fulfilling the mission of Catholic Charities; bringing unique gifts, skills and talent to one's work; demonstrating commitment and enthusiasm to helping all those in need; and making a measurable impact on the community and those served through Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities has been making outstanding contributions to the community since 1924 and has evolved with the times helping to meet the community's changing needs regardless of faith. Programs include A New Beginning: Adoption & Pregnancy Counseling Program, Counseling Services, Hispanic Community Outreach, St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter, St. Mary Family Center, Phoenix House Domestic Violence Shelter & Sexual Abuse Program and Refugee Resettlement.

For more information about the Bishop Charron Caritas Award or Catholic Charities contact Pat Nestvedt at 515-237-5019, pnestvedt@dmdiocese.org or go to www.CatholicCharitiesdm.org.

"Guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church, we serve all people in need with compassion and competence, advocate for justice, and encourage all people of good will to share in these efforts."