



## **NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES for the 2022 OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

During your regional LCWR meetings, you will be asked to recommend one woman from this list of nominees. You are also free to name any person in addition to this list of potential recipients.

### **Lynn Jarrell, OSU, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Kentucky**

- ❖ Since 1984 Lynn has worked with the leadership of religious institutes and their national organizations in the United States and beyond, most recently in Canada, Zambia and Austria.
- ❖ A tremendous resource for congregations during the Apostolic Visitation, Lynn most recently serves as consultant, facilitator and presenter on a range of canonical and religious topics including assistance with individual member issues, retreats on religious life, facilitation of leadership groups and chapters, and accompaniment of institutes through the process of coming to completion.
- ❖ Served as Vice-President (1992-1996) and President (2008-2014) of her Congregation.
- ❖ With a doctorate in Canon Law, Lynn served as the Associate Director for Canonical Affairs at the Resource Center of Religious Institutes (the predecessor of RCRI) from 2005-2008.
- ❖ Taught in various Schools of Theology, seminaries and other programs as a full-time faculty member, adjunct professor or lecturer nationally and internationally. Contributed to canonical publications, either as author or editor.
- ❖ Served full time in the Tribunals for the Diocese of Evansville, Indiana (1984-1988) and the Archdiocese of San Francisco, California (1997-2001).
- ❖ Served for seven years on the Board of the Canon Law Society of America as Consultor, Secretary, Vice President, President and Past President, and as a member its committees and as an editor of one of its publications.

### **Donna Markham, OP, Adrian Dominican**

- ❖ Currently serves as the first woman President and CEO of the century-old Catholic Charities USA, focusing on both relief efforts and as an advocate for reform especially related to the immediate needs on the border.
- ❖ Prioress of the Adrian Dominicans from 2004-2010, she invited expanded ministry efforts to include the underserved in outlying areas of Alaska and Canada.
- ❖ Consultant to the migration, domestic policy and racism committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- ❖ Invited young Dominican Sisters living in Iraq to pursue studies toward advanced degrees in the U.S.
- ❖ Former president of the Behavioral Health Institute for Mercy Health System, working for the transformation of mental health services across seven regions in Ohio and Kentucky.
- ❖ President and Psychologist at Southdown Institute for 10 years, promoting the healing of men and women religious and diocesan priests suffering from addiction or other forms of psychological stress.
- ❖ President of LCWR 1991.

### **Patricia Murray, IBVM, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Sisters) of Ireland**

- ❖ Ministers as Executive Secretary of the International Union of the Superiors General (since 2014).
- ❖ Instrumental in the development of the Solidarity with South Sudan Project and served as first executive director, a new missionary paradigm and a new way of collaboration within religious life established by 170 member congregations.
- ❖ Served as a general councilor in her congregation.
- ❖ Served as President of the Irish Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace.
- ❖ At UISG, works with many others to initiate creative inter-congregational pastoral responses to today's global needs:

- ❖ Development of global networks against human trafficking (Talitha Kum);
- ❖ Educating women religious as canon lawyers in the eastern world;
- ❖ Assessing the efforts of women religious to align with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals;
- ❖ Establishing networks of women religious who are working with migrants around the world.

**Joyce Rupp, OSM, Servites (Servants of Mary)**

- ❖ For almost 50 years, Joyce Rupp, OSM has been serving the people of God and, in particular, women religious both nationally and internationally as an author, speaker and retreat leader.
- ❖ Currently serves as the co-director of the Institute of Compassionate Presence, a six-week transformational process to lead participants to a deeper personal and professional expression of compassion, the charism of her religious community.
- ❖ In 2004, Joyce received the U.S. Catholic Award for Furthering the Cause of Women in the Church; honored her for her significant role as a “midwife” for women’s spirituality.
- ❖ Written 18 books and was awarded a prize from the Catholic Press Association for one of them.
- ❖ She holds a B.A. in English, an MRE in Religious Education, an M.A. in Transpersonal Psychology and has completed additional work in Jungian psychology.
- ❖ Her prayers, her spiritual insights, the witness of her life have had a profound effect on women religious everywhere.

**Nancy Schreck, OSF, Sister of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa**

- ❖ Founder and developer and current program director of Excel Inc., a nonprofit service agency in Okolona, Mississippi that promotes education, welfare and community involvement for adults and children.
- ❖ Serves on the leadership council of the Franciscan Handmaids of Mary in Harlem, NY.
- ❖ Served as vice-president (1992-2000) and president (2008-2014) of her community.
- ❖ Served in the presidency of LCWR (1994-97), as well as a U.S. Delegate to UISG (2008-2011).
- ❖ A certified spiritual director, Nancy is also a national and international presenter on topics of religious life and scripture.
- ❖ She holds a master’s degree in theology from Boston College in and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Pacific School of Religion in Berkley, CA.

**Marlene Weisenbeck, FSPA, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, La Crosse WI**

- ❖ Served as LCWR president during the Apostolic Visitation.
- ❖ Has served nationally, regionally and locally to end human trafficking.
- ❖ Founder of the La Crosse Task Force to Eradicate Modern Slavery. For her work, Marlene was named 2019 Tribune Person of the Year by the La Crosse Tribune for her work and tireless commitment to End Human Trafficking.
- ❖ Appointed by President Obama to the White House Advisory Council for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships in 2011.
- ❖ Served as president of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration from 2002 to 2010 and served as chancellor of the La Crosse Diocese from 1997 to 2002.
- ❖ Canon lawyer, facilitator and consultant, Marlene has made herself available to leadership teams and congregations as facilitator and consultant throughout the years.

***Several women religious connected with Network were suggested by the regions to be considered for this award. LCWR has plans to honor the work of Network at a future date; those women will be recognized at that time.***