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RE: St. Pius X Awards Banquet
Date: February 12, 2020

The St. Pius X Awards Banquet is one of the highlights of the year for parishes in the Diocese of San Jose. This annual banquet provides a special opportunity to recognize and honor those catechetical volunteers who have generously and lovingly given of themselves for 10, 25, 30, 35, and more years (increments of 5 years) in service to the community.

The banquet this year will be the 50th celebration held in Santa Clara County. It will take place on Tuesday, May 19th, 2020 at Villa Ragusa, Located at 35 South Second Street, Campbell CA 95008. You, your pastor, staff, present and past recipients, and spouses are all invited to join us for this special celebration. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with no-host bar at 6:30 p.m.

As always, our goal is to keep the cost of the banquet as low as possible while providing an event worthy of those being honored. Due to the rising costs in the valley, we are increasing the price of the dinner by one dollar this year to $50.00 per person.

Forms for the banquet and awards are attached and available at www.dsj.org/piusx. The completed spreadsheet should be reviewed by the Pastor and the DRE and then emailed to piusx@dsj.org. Special recognition is given to Awardees that have served 25, 35, 40, 45, or more years (increments of 5 years) of volunteer service. Please include in the spreadsheet a picture for these awardees and a brief statement about the awardee’s volunteer ministry in catechetics.

Remit a check for payment to the Department for Evangelization, Attention Pius X by April 3rd at the latest. With this memo, you will find a clarification of the St. Pius X Awards along with some guidelines for determining who should receive it. Final day to register is Sunday, April 26th, 2020. Refunds will be honored until Tuesday, April 28th, 2020.

Along with the form for the St. Pius X Awards, there is also a form for requesting certificates for five years of volunteer service. The five-year certificates will be given to the parish DRE/Coordinator during Welcoming & Commissioning Day, on September 24, 2020. They should be presented to the recipients on Catechetical Sunday. Please complete this form and submit to the Department for Evangelization no later than August 27, 2020.

We sincerely hope that your parish will join with other parishes, at the St. Pius X Awards Banquet, and show appreciation for the invaluable ministry of these special people.