

Catholic Charities Interfaith Health & Wellness

CELEBRATE AWARD WINNERS

Catholic Charities Interfaith Health & Wellness of Catholic Charities Diocese of Palm Beach held its 18th Annual Awards Luncheon and presented the Faith Community Nurse of the Year, Mother Teresa, and Pope Francis Leadership Awards at the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach. Faith Community Nurses are Registered Nurses who serve as health advocates and educators, and promote whole-person wellness of body, mind and spirit. In the community, the nurses help fill a gap in the healthcare system, by outreaching to the homebound, elderly, homeless, and those most in need.

Chairwomen were **Mary Ierardi** and **Margaret Donnelley**, mental health advocates and philanthropists.

Elizabeth Ailes received the *Mother Teresa Award* for her years of service advocating for children; **Wendy Harper** of St. Helen Church was given the *Faith Community Nurse of the Year Award*; and **Patrick McNamara**, President and CEO, Palm Health Foundation received the *Pope Francis Leadership Award*. Award winners were chosen for their lifelong dedication and service in helping those in need in the community.

Catholic Charities Social Services of the Diocese of Palm Beach provides 19 programs and social services throughout the Diocese of Palm Beach. Established in 1984, Catholic Charities responds to the needs of the poor and most vulnerable by providing quality programs that serve children, families, and individuals. Catholic Charities respects life in all of its stages. In living our faith, Catholic Charities helps and creates hope for people in need, regardless of religion, by delivering social services, collaborating with others in building just and compassionate communities, and empowering individuals through education.

Interfaith Health & Wellness of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach provides education and support for registered nurses to serve our community through their affiliation with churches, temples, and other faith-based initiatives and connects individuals and families to care and basic support services with the outcome of physical, mental and spiritual health that ultimately embraces individual and community wellness.

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TOP ROW: Wendy Harper, Mary Ierardi, Patrick McNamara and Elizabeth Ailes;
SECOND ROW: Debra Tornaben and Dr. Ellen T. Wayne; List of Sponsors;
THIRD ROW: Penny Reynolds and Kris Rivera.
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