



## *Catholic Diocese of Peoria*

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**To: The Priests, Deacons, Religious and Laity of the Diocese of Peoria**  
**From: Msgr. Stanley Deptula, Director of Divine Worship**  
**Re: Conferral of Diocesan Honors 2012**  
**Date: March 1, 2012**

In 2012, our bishop celebrates his 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Episcopal consecration and 10 years as the Bishop of Peoria. Even as we honor these important milestones in his life, Bishop Jenky desires to honor the “heroes” of our local Church.

On Sunday, November 18 at 3:30pm, Bishop Jenky will offer a Solemn Mass with the Conferral of Ecclesiastical Honors – what we have come to call the “Honors Mass.” This celebration will also serve as the “grand finale” of the Bishop’s anniversary celebrations and will be the way our local Church especially celebrates his ministry. As such, there will be no banquet following the Mass, but all are invited to a beautiful reception in the Spalding Pastoral Center following the Mass. More details about the Mass and the reception will be made available in the Fall.

Today, please find with this memo nomination forms for the Diocesan honors:

- **The Pere Marquette Award:** Named for the saintly missionary and explorer who first brought the faith to the territory that is now the Diocese of Peoria. This award is given to the lay-volunteers, religious priests and consecrated men and women who heroically advance the mission of our parishes and apostolates.
- **The Archbishop Schlarman Award:** Named for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of Peoria who significantly organized the curia and administration of our diocese. Many of the visionary structures introduced by Archbishop Schlarman continue to make up the organizational backbone of our diocese and parishes. This award is given to employees of our parishes, ministries, and diocese.
- **The St. Isidore Rural Family Life Award:** Named for the patron of farmers, St. Isidore and his wife, St. Maria, this award is given to individuals or families who build up our rural communities and are involved in any aspect of agriculture.

Nominations must be received by **May 1, 2012**. Nominations may be submitted by anyone. The selection committee will suggest honorees to Bishop Jenky who will make a final determination by mid-July. Honorees will be contacted in early-August. Nominations may be submitted by email, but must be brief as per the instructions on the nomination forms. Electronically submitted forms that are too long may be disqualified without notice to the nominator.

For more information about the awards or nominating process, please contact Terri LaHood – 309-671-1550 or [tlahood@cdop.org](mailto:tlahood@cdop.org)