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Dear Friends:

For the 33rd consecutive year, the Network of Religious Communities is proud to honor outstanding members of our religious communities for their volunteerism. On Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., we will hold our **Annual Appreciation Dinner**. We will recognize individuals who have been chosen by their congregations to receive our Religious Service Award for their outstanding service to their congregation and/or community. We invite you to help us celebrate their wonderful contributions to our community.

Our guest speaker for the evening is **The Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, 14th Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo**. Bishop Malone was installed as the 14th Bishop of Buffalo on August 10, 2012. He previously served as Bishop of Portland, Maine.

Make this 33rd year of NRC awards a success by:

1. **Nominating** member(s) of your congregation or clergy. Your congregation may honor one or more people. **Please return the enclosed Nomination Form by April 15, 2013** for inclusion in our Souvenir Program.
2. **Purchasing** or encouraging your congregation members to purchase advertisements in our Souvenir Program. Copy the **Souvenir Program Advertisement Form** and pass it out to those who you think may be interested. It is a great way to share information about your congregation members—or your own upcoming events. Deadline for ads: **April 15, 2013**.
3. **Reserving seats** for the Appreciation Dinner using the enclosed **Ticket Order Form**. This form should be submitted by **April 22, 2013**.
4. **Recognizing** nominee(s) during your worship service the week before or after the Appreciation Dinner. We want everyone to know how much they are appreciated!
5. **Becoming a member of the NRC for the year 2013**. Member organizations save \$5.00 on each Appreciation Dinner ticket they order. (see enclosed membership form)

We sincerely hope you can be a part of this special event. Thank you for your support of the Network and the many programs we sponsor connecting faith groups in WNY.

Sincerely,

Dr. G. Stanford Bratton, Executive Director
Network of Religious Communities

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