



Network of Religious Communities of Western New York

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Dear Friend:

The Network of Religious Communities cordially invites you to join us for the 39th consecutive Annual Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Samuel's Grand Manor, 8720 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Each year we proudly honor outstanding members of our Western New York religious communities for their volunteerism. **Individuals are chosen by their congregations to receive the NRC Religious Service Award for outstanding service to their congregation and / or community.**



Our keynote speaker this year is SR. MARGARET CARNEY, O.S.F., S.T.D.

She served as the 20th president of St. Bonaventure University from 2004 until July 2016 and is the university's first President Emeritus. She holds master's degrees from Duquesne University (theology) and St. Bonaventure University (Franciscan Studies): and was awarded her doctorate in theology by the Franciscan university in Rome -- the Pontifical University "Antonianum." Prior to her inauguration, Sr. Margaret was dean and director of St. Bonaventure's Franciscan Institute, which operates a center for research and textual scholarship in the field of Franciscan / medieval theology and philosophy, and a school that educates leaders on the various branches of the Franciscan orders in the Catholic Church.

Please help make the 39th Annual Network of Religious Communities Appreciation Dinner a success:

- **NOMINATE an AWARDEE by May 23, 2019** -- *Nominate a member or members of your congregation to receive the NRC Religious Service Award. Return the enclosed Nomination Form by May 23, 2019*
- **PURCHASE ADVERTISING by May 23, 2019** -- *Use the enclosed Souvenir Program Advertisement Form to purchase an advertisement. It's a great way to share information about your congregation members or upcoming events. Return the enclosed form by May 23, 2019.*
- **RESERVE YOUR SEATS by June 3, 2019** -- *Return the enclosed Ticket Order Form with payment by June 3, 2019.*

We look forward to seeing you at this very special event! Thank you for your support of the Network of Religious Communities and the many programs we sponsor that connect faith groups in Western New York.

Dr. G. Stanford Bratton
Executive Director