

8.0 Member Recognition (extracted from OPC Manual of Policy & Procedure)

8.1 Social Justice Award

At the annual convention/AMM, an award is presented to a member in Ontario who has gone above and beyond their vocation in life to advocate and serve to promote social justice through contribution to her community while showing exemplary leadership, generosity of spirit and extraordinary service.

8.1.1 Eligibility for Nomination

1. A League member in good standing for the past five years.
2. A current League member in the province of Ontario.
3. A completed nomination form received by provincial vice-president by November 30.
4. Reference letter from nominee's parish priest.
5. Two letters of recommendation, providing specific details of social justice engagement demonstrated per criteria in 8.1.2.

8.1.2 Assessment Criteria

For each criterion, the nominations are assessed a value between 1 and 5 where the assessment describes documentation as:

- 1 not demonstrating criteria
- 2 some demonstration of criteria
- 3 demonstrating commitment to criteria expected of most League members
- 4 demonstrating commitment to criteria greater than expected of most League members
- 5 demonstrating commitment far exceeding any expectation for any League member

The criteria demonstrated in social justice engagement in contribution to her community must include:

- a) social justice engagement at parish, community, regional, national, or international level
- b) demonstration of leadership in social justice engagement
- c) demonstration of generosity of spirit in social justice engagement
- d) extraordinary service in social justice engagement
- e) living a reflection of the mission of the League

8.1.3 Nomination Process

- 1 Submit nominations on an annual basis from parish, diocesan or provincial council. Nominations for the same member may be resubmitted if they have never received the award.
- 2 The nomination form (see A8.1-01 to 02) must be signed by the nominating council president.
- 3 The nominating council president shall forward all required documentation (see also 8.1.1) to the diocesan president by **November 15th**.
- 4 The diocesan president shall verify the nomination and required documentation, sign the form, and send it to the provincial social justice chairperson by **November 30th**.
- 5 The provincial social justice chairperson shall send the nominations and required documentation to the Social and Economic Justice Team by **December 15th** for review, verification of qualifications and assessment based on criteria.
- 6 The provincial social justice chairperson shall arrange a meeting of the Social and Economic Justice Team to review the assessments and make a recommendation on the top three nominations to the provincial president by **January 15th**.
- 7 The provincial president sends to the administration committee information on the nominees to be discussed either at a special meeting or during the administration committee meeting prior to the winter meeting of the Ontario Provincial Council.
- 8 The provincial social justice chair shall advise the diocesan president so that the winner can hopefully attend the provincial convention/AMM.
- 9 The award (**purchased annually at a cost not to exceed \$100**) shall be presented on an annual basis at the provincial convention/AMM