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Assumption College for Sisters Gala

Assumption College for Sisters bestows honors at the annual Caring Basket Gala

(Denville, NJ) Sister of Christian Charity, Sister Joseph Spring, president of Assumption College for Sisters (ACS), has announced the 2020 honorees, noted for their service to the Church and the greater community, who will be honored at the Nineteenth Annual Caring Basket Gala, on March 26, 2020, at the Hanover Marriott, Whippany, NJ.

Receiving the Servant Leader Award is Mr. Thomas Anselmi of Florham Park, NJ. Thomas and his wife, Linda, were married over 50 years ago at Saint Joseph Church, Maplewood, NJ. Their son, Thomas, works with the family business, Anselmi and DeCicco of Maplewood, NJ.

Mr. Anselmi, a native of Maplewood, NJ, was raised at Saint Joseph parish and graduated from Columbia High School, Maplewood, NJ. Following graduation, he served in the Army Reserve. After his years in the Reserve, Thomas joined his brother Eustace "Gus" Anselmi in the construction business.

With his brother Eustace "Gus" Anselmi, the two inspired a company of bold innovators and achievers, known for their honesty and integrity. Anselmi & DeCicco, with over six decades of experience in constructing infrastructures, has grown into one of the well-known construction companies in the tri-state area.

Thomas attributes success in the business to the dedication of the over 100 employees, many of whom have been with the family firm for years. Mr. Anselmi believes that employees should be treated as family. Thomas acknowledges the family partnership as the foundation of success and makes clear that God is also a partner in the business, without whose grace and guidance, success is fleeting.

Brother Paul Diveny, OSB, former Headmaster of the Delbarton School, Morristown, NJ will receive the Education Award in recognition of his lifelong service to Catholic Education. Brother Paul is originally from West Orange, NJ where he attended Our Lady of Lourdes School and then Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, NJ and The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Brother earned a diploma in Monastic Studies from the Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo, Rome, Italy, professing solemn vows in 1981 and returning to Saint Mary's Abbey, Morristown.

He also served as prior of St. Mary's Abbey from 2004 to 2007. After teaching German and Latin at Delbarton for many years, Abbot Giles Hayes, OSB appointed Br. Paul to serve as the tenth

headmaster of Delbarton School in 2006 . He served in this role until the spring of 2018. After many years of success and blessings in this role, Brother Paul now serves as the treasurer of St. Mary's Abbey and as the abbey's vegetable gardener.

Receiving the Family Life Award are Louis and Julianne Modugno. Louis and Julianne are the parents of three children, Isabella, Christiana, and Nicholas. The Modugnos see their Catholic faith as foundation in family life, the development of their children and service to the greater community.

The Modugnos are formally parishioners of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Morristown, while participate in Mass frequently at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

Julie is a registered nurse, practicing at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Madison, NJ. Julie is also very active with the Delbarton School and Villa Walsh, where their children attend.

Louis serves on the Advisory Board of St. Paul Inside the Walls, Morristown, as a Trustee of Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital and the Finance Committee Chair at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson, NJ

Louis is a Partner with McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, Morristown, NJ, a nationally-known diverse practice featuring litigation & insurance services. In 2006, Mr. Modugno was named one of New Jersey's "Top 40 Lawyers under 40" by the New Jersey Law Journal. In addition, Martindale-Hubbell awarded Mr. Modugno its AV Peer Review Rating, its highest level of professional excellence and he has been listed in Best Lawyers® (2015-2020), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the areas of Construction Law and Litigation - Construction.

Sister Joseph notes that the Gala, an extraordinary event to honor those called to service, is also the college's primary source of funding. "Not only does it help underwrite the operating expenses," says Sister Joseph, "it also generates the funds necessary to provide full scholarships to Sister students from developing nations who do not have access to higher education in their homelands due to lack of funds or societal norms that do not value the education of women. We are grateful to our honorees for supporting this mission."

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