Catholic Charities Lenten Luncheons

Each of the four Lenten Luncheons celebrates the mission of Catholic Charities in our local communities by honoring Treasures of the Church Award recipients for their compassionate service.

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki's Treasures of the Church Awards recognize individuals, organizations and religious orders who are true treasures of the church through their commitment and compassionate response to the poor in our midst.

The Lenten Luncheons are an opportunity to enjoy a simple soup



Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki & 2023 Awardee Erica P. John

lunch with our neighbors, be inspired by the service of the Awardees and learn about the mission of Catholic Charities. The event is fashioned after an effort established in 2006 in La Crosse, called "In My Name," by then-Bishop Listecki. Your support of the luncheons benefits the thousands of people served every year by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The Artist Behind the Awards



Reverend Anthony J. Brankin was ordained to the priesthood on May 14, 1975 for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He received his S.T.L. (License in Sacred Theology) magna cum laude from the University of St. Mary of the Lake. In May of 1981 he was sent to study art at the Bel' Arte Academy in Rome, Italy.



Rev. Anthony J. Brankin

He also completed further studies at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois. Father Brankin has produced major sculptures, works in bronze, religious altar pieces, drawings, icons and prints for organizations in the U.S. and Italy.