



"I am more humbled by this honor than I am proud but I am as proud of my Catholic faith especially through my law enforcement career. I am deeply grateful to the Archbishop and Holy Father for bestowing me with this great honor" – Chief Fred Maas, Knights of Saint Sylvester



"As I receive the Papal Medal, Benemerenti, I pray that my personal testimony as a member of the Church gives me the strength, the courage and the perseverance to live by words, actions and deeds of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. May I realize that I have come to serve others and not so much to be served" – Dr. Carlota Morales, Ph. D, Papal Medal Benemerenti



"I am very honored to be chosen to receive this papal award which recognizes my many years of working to unite the Catholic and Jewish faiths toward a common goal of establishing peace, love and harmony within our community"- Rabbi Solomon Schiff, Papal Medal Benemerenti



"The honor is a challenge to keep supporting and doing good things for our holy Roman church"- Dr. Michael Bienes, Promotion to Knight Commander with Star of Saint Gregory the Great



"God bestowed gifts on me: loving, model parents, solid grounding in my Catholic faith and education, a faithful family, excellent health and cherished memories. I humbly accept the Papal Cross on behalf of all those supportive "team members" who helped to give a record rich in service to God"- Dr. Marjorie Wessel, Ph.D., Papal Cross Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice



"I am truly humbled and honored to receive such a distinguished honor. Walking in the Spirit of our Lord is challenging in today's society, however having an unyielding faith allows us to face our daily experiences to serve with Love, Gratitude, and Passion. Jesus Christ serves us everyday, no matter what the circumstances are; to mirror Him with our fellow man allows us to serve for His

sake. With God we are all connected, so today, I share this extraordinary honor with all my brothers and sisters. And in the words of St. Francis, Lord make me an instrument of your peace"- Mr. Anthony Segreto, Papal Medal Benemerenti



"I have always believed my purpose in life is to know, love and serve God. I am blessed and privileged to receive this Papal honor and to be acknowledged in such a special way"- Mrs. Jo-Ann Tabry, Dames of Saint Sylvester

"Our Catholic faith is our greatest treasure. Striving to serve our Lord has been our honor. We accept these awards with deep humility and thanks" - Mr. Joseph Armatauro, Promotion to Knight Commander of Saint Gregory the Great & Mrs. Winifred Amatauro, Dames of Saint Gregory the Great