

The Christian Brothers of the Midwest

Resurrection College Prep 2020 Dreams to Reality Award Recipient

Resurrection College Prep High School honors the Christian Brothers of the Midwest with the 2020 Dreams to Reality Award. This award recognizes organizations which have shown remarkable and generous support of the young women attending Resurrection. The Christian Brothers are worthy recipients of the Dreams to Reality award, as they are enabling the dreams of young women to continue at Resurrection College Prep for our current and future students.

Three years ago, realizing the number of Sisters was steadily declining and that they would no be able to support and operate Resurrection College Prep, the Sisters of the Resurrection began to consider alternatives. Because of the school's healthy enrollment, excellent academic outcomes, and reputation in the community, the Sisters were compelled to find a solution that would allow the school to continue beyond the presence and the ability of the Sisters. In the spring of 2018, the Sisters began a dialogue with the Christian Brothers of the Midwest.

After meetings and conversations, the Sisters became convinced that the Christian Brothers were the congregation best prepared to assume the sponsorship and operation of Resurrection College Prep as a Lasallian institution. Brother Larry Schatz, FSC, began working with the Sisters on the transfer in the spring of 2018 and Brother Michael Fehrenbach, FSC, is seeing the process to completion. We are pleased to have Brother Larry and Brother Michael accept this award tonight on behalf of the Christian Brothers of the Midwest.

Lasallian education is rooted in the mission of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of teachers, who founded the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Christian Brothers) in France more than 300 years ago. De La Salle transformed education by forming a community of educators with whom he developed a spirituality of teaching and learning, to give a human and Christian education to young people, especially the poor. In Lasallian communities, educators touch hearts, stimulate minds and cultivate leadership to prepare students for life, work and service to society and the Church.

The Christian Brothers sponsor 65 universities and 1,000 other schools across the world. In the Midwest, the Brothers have a strong presence and are well-known for their commitment to quality education and the faith development of their students. In the Chicago area, the Christian Brothers sponsor Lewis University (Romeoville), De La Salle Institute (Chicago), Montini Catholic High School (Lombard), St. Patrick High School (Chicago), St. Joseph High School (Westchester) and San Miguel School (Chicago). In all the Midwest ministries, over 24,000 students are educated and supported by 4,000 administrators, faculty and staff.

The Christian Brothers are worthy recipients of the Dreams to Reality award, as they are enabling the dreams of young women to continue at Resurrection College Prep High School. The Christian Brothers have ensured not only a future for Resurrection, but an exciting future filled with opportunities for our students in academics as well as experiences that will enrich and deepen their faith and commitment to service. We are honored to present the 2020 Dreams to Reality Award to the Christian Brothers of Midwest.