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MCAULEY STUDENT RECEIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Seven seniors from Mother McAuley were honored by Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S. at the Vicariate V Youth Leadership Awards Banquet this past spring. The students were honored in three separate areas: Prayer and Worship, Service and Social Justice, and Peer Ministry.

The McAuley students recognized in the Prayer and Worship category were Mary Albano and Carolyn Reardon of Oak Lawn, and Maura Stanton of Beverly. Prayer and Worship includes teens who share their gifts in the setting of Liturgical Celebrations. Active roles include Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Cantor, Choir Member, Musician, Altar Server and Greeter.

Lyssa Chavka of Orland Park, Kelly Bartusiak of Burbank and Eileen Torpy of Beverly were recognized for their work in Service and Social Justice. Teens in this category have shown commitment and dedication to participation in service through the parish school or community, soup kitchens, mission trips and food drives.

The honoree in the Peer Ministry category was Grace Flaherty of Evergreen Park. Recipients in this category are members in a leadership board/council, peer ministry team, planning committee for youth events/activities, or Kairos Retreats.

An additional 10 students from McAuley were honored for service to their parishes. They students were junior Christine Jakes of St. Alexander Parish (Palos Heights); sophomore Angie Crispo of St. Barnabas Parish (Beverly); juniors Leah Maslona and Anne Dailidonis of St. Bruno Parish (Archer Heights); senior Mary Kobiernicki of St. Germaine (Oak Lawn); senior Nora Keaney of St. Linus Parish (Oak

Lawn); senior Rachel Montes of St. Mary Star of the Sea (West Lawn); and senior Amelia Gomez, junior Antonia Gomez and sophomore Patricia Gomez of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish (West Lawn).



Mother McAuley's Vicariate V Youth Leadership recipients (left to right) Maura Stanton, Mary Albano, Carolyn Reardon, Grace Flaherty, Lyssa Chavka, Kelly Bartusiak, and Eileen Torpy with Ms. Liz Weigel, Liturgy and Youth Service Coordinator