

Our Parish Awards



Through the years, Blessed Trinity has received many awards that honor its commitment to the Stewardship Way of Life. Here's a look:

International Catholic Stewardship Council

In the early to mid-2000s, BT won the award for best Stewardship Video. This was quite an accomplishment. But we did even better in 2006, when we won the coveted Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Parish Stewardship Award.

According to the council, the award "is presented annually to the parish which best exemplifies a long-term commitment to a

stewardship way of life and demonstrates growth in key areas.

"The recipient of this award must have initiated and developed this way of life at a comprehensive level that embraces stewardship of time, talent and treasure across all parish groups. The parish's ongoing conversion to stewardship for over five years will be evidenced by its engaged parishioner base, growth in spirituality and its witness and outreach to the larger community."

The areas of evaluation:

- + Effectiveness of the Stewardship Committee
- + Communication
- + Commitment and Growth over 5 Years
- + Welcome and Hospitality
- + Stewardship Education
- + General parish assessment
- + Annual Stewardship Renewal

The award's namesake was Bishop of Great Falls, Montana from 1978-87, Coadjutor Archbishop of Seattle from 1987-91 and Archbishop of Seattle from 1991 until he died in 1997. He was a strong supporter of the Stewardship Way of Life and chaired a committee that wrote a pastoral letter on the subject.



National Catholic Educational Association

Fr. Pat won the association's Distinguished Pastor award in 2009.

"Stewardship. That was something that made him stand out from other pastors who were nominated," Robert R. Bimonte, executive director of the NCEA's Department of Elementary Schools, told the Ocala Star-Banner at the time. "Catholic schools can only succeed with good leadership. That includes an excellent, outstanding principal and an outstanding pastor."

Most Reverend Norbert M. Dorsey Award for Distinguished Service to Catholic Education

Fran Harwas won this for 2009-2010. The award recognizes her more than 50 years of service to Catholic education. She served as principal of Blessed Trinity School for 14 years and as the assistant principal of Trinity Catholic High School for three years. She was the Diocese of Orlando's Principal of the Year for 1999 and helped lead our parish's transition to the Stewardship Way of Life.

Sadlier Catholic Identity Award

BT won this award in 2015.

"First awarded in 1998, this award honors a school or parish that demonstrates effectively and clearly our identity as a Catholic people. Recipients are identified by the host diocese of the NCEA convention."

