

2012 School Board Awards Recognizing Outstanding Service to Catholic Schools



Archbishop Alex J. Brunett Award — Patrick J. Sursely

This award, named for retired Archbishop Brunett, was established to recognize the leadership and support of Catholic schools by a Pastor or Clergy. This year the award is being given to Patrick Sursely. Pat was born in Seattle, Washington, January 8, 1946, the second of six children of Myles and Kathleen Sursely. He attended St. Anne Parish elementary school on Queen Anne Hill and graduated from O'Dea High School in 1964. He graduated from Iona College in New York, and received post graduate degrees from Seattle University, the University of Washington and City University. His first career job was at Blanchet High School as a theology teacher and department head. In 1970 he co-founded the CHANNEL program offering young adults opportunities to teach and do youth ministry in schools and parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. Pat then began his 30 year career with the Archdiocese of Seattle at the Chancery office in many different positions including working in the Missions Office, the Communications Office and as the longest serving (20+ years) Chief Financial Officer. He worked for Archbishops Raymond Hunthausen (retired), Thomas Murphy (deceased), Alex Brunett (retired) and current Archbishop J. Peter Sartain.

Pat also served on the board of Catholic Community Services of Western Washington several local school boards and boards nationally and locally. A member of Our Lady of Fatima parish, he was active in church and community life.



Sister Mary Taylor Award – Sister Ann Cornelia Sullivan, SNJM

The Archdiocesan School Board established this award in 1986 to honor Sister Mary Taylor and to recognize her longtime commitment of more than 50 years to Catholic schools. Sister Ann Cornelia Sullivan, SNJM, the 2012 recipient of the Sister Mary Taylor Award, is being honored for her dedicated leadership, innovative vision, and deep commitment to Catholic education. This spring, she celebrated her 50-year Golden Jubilee as a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Sister Ann Cornelia's teaching career began in grade schools in Washington – ranging from the city to small towns, and out in the Palouse country. Her involvement with the Archdiocese of Seattle began in 1964 as one of the founding faculty of Holy Family Elementary School in Auburn. In 1979 she moved to Holy Names Academy, Seattle, where she has served as a teacher, Vice Principal, and Librarian/Media Specialist. While at Holy Names Academy, she shared her organizational skills and technological expertise with the Catholic Schools Librarians Association and the Archdiocesan Technology Committee, helping students and teachers learn how to access and use digital systems and information. In 2001 she received the National Catholic Education Association Secondary Education Award. Sister Ann Cornelia now works at Holy Names Academy on special administrative projects and as the Archivist, continuing to generously share her many gifts and talents.

Maryknoll Missions Art Contest Award Winners — St. Paul School, Seattle and Holy Rosary School, Edmonds

Congratulations to St. Paul Catholic School, Seattle, and Holy Rosary Catholic School, Edmonds — winners of this year's Maryknoll Missions Art Contest: Mission Possible.

