

The Carol Myers Saint Nicholas Award

Criteria

The Carol Myers Saint Nicholas Award honors annually an alum of VTS, lay or ordained, who has shown exemplary and sustained witness for justice in the way of Jesus. Awardees model in their lives and words prophetic commitment to justice as a practice of faith. They inspire the church by their actions of healing and transformation. In the spirit of Saint Nicholas, this award recognizes recipients for good and holy work done quietly and without fanfare.

Selection Process & Timeline

The Saint Nicholas Center for Faith and Justice will introduce the award at convocation in October, with nominations/applications remaining open until December 6th (the feast day of St. Nicholas). Information about the award will be disseminated through VTS alumni networks via the alumni newsletter during this time. Information will be specifically distributed to bishops and other leaders in the church who may be aware of under-recognized leaders in their networks. Nominations will be submitted through a form, which will also be shared through VTS communications and social media. Once nominated, a subcommittee of the Saint Nicholas Center for Faith and Justice's advisory board will review nominations and select the candidate who they believe to be most worthy for approval by the full board, also selecting a backup candidate, by February 1st. The nominee will then be notified of the award and have the opportunity to accept or decline. Notice to the recipient will take place no later than February 5th, and nominees must accept or decline the award within a week of notice.

Award Components

The award will consist of an honorarium of \$1,000 and paid travel and accommodations for VTS's convocation, held annually in October. The recipient will be expected to attend convocation to receive the award and participate in a student facing lunch or forum event to share about their work as a means of encouraging student formation in vocations of faith with justice. In lieu of a plaque, awardees will receive an icon of Saint Nicholas.

Please direct questions or comments to the Saint Nicholas Center for Faith and Justice at sncfj@vts.edu.