



Catholic Teacher, Faith Formation Teacher (formerly CCD), Citizen, Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, and Healthcare Worker of the Year

Worthy Grand Knight,

The Maryland State Council is conducting Catholic Teacher; Faith Formation Teacher (formerly CCD); Citizen; Police Officer; Firefighter; EMT and Healthcare Worker of the Year recognition programs. There will be separate awards for each category selected from nominations submitted by all councils within the Maryland Jurisdiction.

The seven (7) state awards will be presented at the Founder's Day Reception on Sunday, March 29, 2026 (tentative). The nomination cover page is included in this notice and available on the Maryland State Council website. All nominations must be emailed (preferred) or postmarked by February 9th 2026. The 7 awards are described below.

The Catholic Teacher of the Year award enables your Council to honor an individual that made significant contributions to the education of our youth. This award is presented to a Catholic teacher who has demonstrated exceptional ability and dedication to the education of our young people through teaching in a parochial school.

The Faith Formation Teacher of the Year award enables your Council to honor an individual that made significant contributions to the religious education of our youth through your local parish's Faith Formation program (formerly known as CCD).

The Citizen of the Year award enables your Council to honor someone who made significant religious or civic contributions to the well-being of your community. To be eligible for this award, the nominee must be a resident of the State of Maryland.

The Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT of the Year awards enable your Council to honor Maryland public safety officers for their continuing commitments to enhancing and preserving the quality of life and protection of property within our communities.

The Healthcare Worker of the Year award enables your Council to honor Maryland medical workers committed to preserving our health and wellness through their tireless and dedicated service.

Councils are encouraged to select a nominee for each category, and honor that person locally at the Council meeting or social gathering. It is appropriate to award a certificate, plaque or other recognition memento. Invite the recipient's family and friends to attend the presentation to share in the celebration. Extend the invitation to local media and publish the awardees in your parish bulletin to ensure wide recognition of their selfless service.

Again, the nomination cover page is included in this notice and available on the Maryland State Council website. **All nomination packages, with supporting documentation, must be emailed (preferred) or postmarked by February 9, 2026.** Submit nominations via email or USPS to:

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Thank you in advance for recognizing these selfless leaders and role models. Please contact me with any questions.

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Nomination Form 2025-2026

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Check One: Catholic Teacher Faith Formation Teacher Citizen Police Officer Firefighter EMT
 Healthcare Worker

Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Employer (except Citizen): _____

Nominating Council: _____ Council Number: _____

Council Contact Name: _____

Council Contact Phone Number and (If Available) Email Address:

Parish Contact Name, Number (for Faith Formation Teacher): _____

Instructions: Please include a narrative describing the contributions of your nominee and explaining why your Council feels that this individual should receive recognition from the Maryland State Council. Include a biography of your nominee. Your narrative cannot exceed four (4) pages using a font no smaller than Times New Roman 12. Submit this form, your narrative, and any photos, newspaper clippings, or other supporting information.

Your submission must be postmarked no later than February 9, 2026

ONE ENTRY PER CATEGORY PER COUNCIL

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