

# Lighting the Fire for Catholic Education Award Description

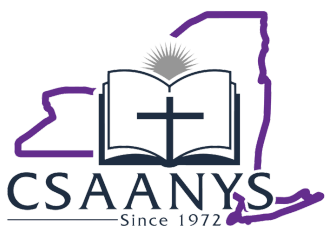
The Lighting the Fire for Catholic Education award celebrates the exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment of Catholic school leaders in igniting the flames of passion, knowledge, and faith within their communities. Inspired by the biblical passage from Matthew 5:14-16, this award recognizes those who embody the essence of being a beacon of light in the world.

Just as Jesus proclaimed, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven," this award honors individuals who exemplify these teachings through their leadership, service, and dedication.

Recipients of the Lighting the Fire award are those who tirelessly strive to illuminate the minds and hearts of their students, faculty, and the wider community with the radiant glow of faith, knowledge, and love. Their visionary leadership, compassionate guidance, and steadfast commitment serve as an inspiration to all, empowering others to shine their own light.

As we honor the recipients of the Lighting the Fire award, we recognize and celebrate their profound impact on shaping the lives of countless individuals, nurturing a community where the light of Christ shines brightly. Through the honoree's exemplary leadership, they continue to kindle the flames of hope, wisdom, and love, illuminating the world with the transformative power of faith and grace.

The 2024 nomination process is open, with the awards being given at the October 11th Gathering (upstate dioceses) and the October 18th Gathering (downstate dioceses). We hope you will nominate a colleague and join in the celebration. The nomination packet and a list of past awardees can be found at [www.csaanys.org](http://www.csaanys.org).



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