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Archbishop Carlson and Archdiocese to be Honored by Criminal Justice Ministry

Luminary Award to Recognize Archbishop, Archdiocese for Continued Support

ST. LOUIS – Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, will be honored at the Criminal Justice Ministry's Inaugural Recognition Dinner on Thursday, June 1. Archbishop Carlson will receive the Luminary Award for Criminal Justice for the assistance and advocacy provided by the Archdiocese of St. Louis since the founding of the Criminal Justice Ministry in 1979.

Successful clients and the supporters who have helped make the ministry possible will be recognized at the dinner. The dinner will also help fill a \$150,000 revenue gap created by a loss of state funding after steep budget cuts in the Missouri Legislature.

The mission of the Criminal Justice Ministry is to improve “the safety and well-being of individuals affected by crime and the criminal justice system, their families and their communities in the Greater St. Louis Area through person-to-person assistance rooted in Jesus Christ’s message of love, reconciliation and hope.”

“We serve, without judgement, the most vulnerable individuals in our community,” said executive director Anthony D’Agostino. Volunteers hold prayer services, Bible study, one-on-one visits, tutoring, anger management classes and more at several county jails and prisons in the St. Louis area. The ministry also assists the immediate needs of recently released ex-offenders by providing bus passes, emergency meds, clothing and hygiene items, referrals to services, and access to housing programs.

For more information about Criminal Justice Ministry and the Recognition Dinner, visit cjmstlouis.org.

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