



## Spirit of Mary Ward Award

### Nomination Form

**Description:** The Spirit of Mary Ward Award recognizes individuals, from all walks of life, regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, or other personal characteristics, who embody the values and mission of Mary Ward and the charisms of the IBVM Sisters in their personal and/or professional lives. This prestigious award celebrates those who demonstrate a commitment to making a positive impact in their communities and beyond while exemplifying the four pillars of the Loretto Sisters: integrity, justice, freedom and joy (felicity).

#### Nominee Information

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact Information:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation/Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, the nominee is familiar with Mary Ward and/or the Loretto Sisters.
- No, the nominee is not familiar with Mary Ward nor the Loretto Sisters.

#### Nominator Information

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact Information:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nomination Statement

On a separate page, please provide a detailed statement explaining why you believe this individual deserves the Spirit of Mary Ward Award. Introduce us to your nominee and describe how they embody the values, charism and mission of Mary Ward and the IBVM Sisters.

**Disclaimer & Criteria:** Nominees must possess and demonstrate 3-4 of the following criteria.

Please provide specific examples or evidence of how the nominee meets criterion selected.

Note: IBVM Sisters cannot be nominated to receive this award.

### Justice

- **Leadership and Service**
  - Exhibits qualities of leadership while serving the community and those in need.
  - Engagement in community service projects, leadership roles in organizations or advocacy for social justice issues.
- **Compassion and Empathy**
  - Shows deep understanding and compassion towards others.
  - Participation in outreach programs, support for vulnerable populations or acts of kindness and understanding.
- **Promotion of Women's Rights and Empowerment**
  - Advocates for gender equality and empowers women and girls in their pursuits.
  - Involvement in initiatives that promote women's rights, mentorship of young women or advocacy work.

### Integrity

- **Integrity and Authenticity**
  - Acts with honesty and integrity, staying true to personal values and beliefs.
  - Consistent ethical behavior, transparency in actions and willingness to stand up for what is right.

### Freedom

- **Commitment to Growth and Lifelong Learning**
  - Demonstrates a passion for lifelong learning and enrichment.
  - Involvement in educational initiatives, mentoring or contributions to academic settings.
- **Courage and Resilience**
  - Demonstrates courage in facing challenges, resilience in overcoming obstacles and willingness to risk.
  - Personal stories of overcoming adversity, standing firm in difficult situations or inspiring others through challenges faced.

## Joy

- **Spiritual Depth and Reflection**
  - Engages in personal spiritual growth and encourages others in their spiritual journeys.
- **Collaboration and Community Building**
  - Fosters collaboration and builds a sense of community among diverse groups.
  - Organizing community events, facilitating dialogue among different groups or creating inclusive spaces.

**Supporting Documents:** Please include this application form, your nomination statement and any additional documents (optional) that support the nomination (ex: letters of recommendation, additional testimonials, etc.).

### Submission:

- **Deadline for Submission: January 25, 2025**
- **Submit via Mail or Email**
  - Email: [ibvm-usregion@ibvm.us](mailto:ibvm-usregion@ibvm.us)
  - Mailing Address:

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ATTN: Spirit of Mary Ward Committee  
PO Box 508  
Wheaton, IL 60187

**Acknowledgement:** By submitting this nomination form, you acknowledge that all information provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge and understand that nominations are reviewed by the Spirit of Mary Ward Award Committee. The 2025 Spirit of Mary Ward Committee includes: Sr. Arlene Ashack, Sr. Mary Carton, Sr. Betty Crotty, Sr. Brenda Eagan, Sr. Kay Foley, Sr. Yolanda Mendoza, Megan Beutel, Juanita Rea-Dorn and Laura Schmidt.

**Signature of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_