

# Annual Bishop Lucker Lecture held

*Bishop Nienstedt presents service awards to five area faithful*

**Hutchinson, MN** - The 5th annual Bishop Lucker Lecture was held on Sunday, March 11, 2007, at the Hutchinson Event Center, Hutchinson, MN. This year's presenter was Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, who spoke on the *Importance of Charity in the Life of the Church*. Fr. Hehir is the former President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA and currently serves as the director of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Boston while continuing to serve on the faculty of Harvard Divinity School.

## Diocesan Distinguished Service Awards (DDSA)

Following Fr. Hehir's presentation, the 2007 New Ulm Diocesan Distinguished Service Awards were presented by Bishop John C. Nienstedt to five members of the diocese for their committed service and outstanding contributions to diocesan mission and ministry. In giving this annual award, the diocese seeks to honor people from



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Lecture presenter, Fr. Brian J. Hehir (4th from left) is pictured with the 2007 Diocesan Distinguished Service Award recipients (l-r) Mary Ann Powers, Spicer/New London; Kathleen and Joel Schwarz, New Ulm; Fr. Jack Brunner, Watkins; and Ken Stadick, New Ulm. Pictured (left) Bishop Nienstedt presents the DDSA to Ken Stadick.

every walk of life whose efforts help to build up the Body of Christ in a significant way.

## Next year's presenter

Bishop John C. Nienstedt has announced that Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Ph.D., Archbishop Emeritus of Washington has accepted an invitation to speak at the 2008 Bishop Lucker Lecture.

The Cardinal's topic will be *The Challenges of the New Evangelization*. Watch for further information in *The Prairie Catholic* in the fall.