

2006 Distinguished Service Awards announced

recipients to be honored at Lucker Lecture

The New Ulm Diocesan Distinguished Service Award (DDSA) is presented annually to those who have served the diocese in outstanding ways over a period of years. The awards will be presented by Bishop Nienstedt on March 2, 2006 at the annual Bishop Lucker Lecture to be held this year in Hutchinson.

2006 Diocesan Distinguished Service Award recipients are:

Paul Hillesheim is a member of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Parish in New Ulm. In the mid-1980's, as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, he responded to the need to restore and care for the Way of the Cross, which is located next to the Diocesan Pastoral Center. He is also an original member of the Father Alexander Berghold Memorial Committee which was created in 1995 and has served as chair for the past five years. These efforts culminated in the development of Loretto Park on diocesan property in New Ulm.



Kathy and Ken Huebert are members of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Parish in New Ulm.



They are being honored for their volunteer work, since 1993, with the shipping and receiving of coffee from the diocesan mission in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. Kathy is further recognized for her 35 years of service at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For the past 25 years, she has assisted Msgr. Gregory Schaffer with the stateside administration of the mission's activities.

Mary Ann Larsen is a member of St. Michael Parish in Morgan. For more than 30 years, Mary has helped thousands of people from all

parts of the Diocese of New Ulm



under the banner of the "We Care" Project. The Project is run out of her home in the town of Morgan and

annually distributes \$250,000 worth of food and services to more than 150 families. In 2003, Mary received the Catholic Extension Society's prestigious Lumen Christi Award.

Carol Prokosch is a member of St. Mary Parish in New Ulm and is being honored for her service to diocesan Catholic schools. Carol has coordinated and assisted with a number of fund drives for the New Ulm Area Catholic Schools (NUACS). Recently, she served as chair for the school's capital campaign, "Keeping the Dream Alive," which raised in excess of \$2.2 million for campus and program improvements along with foundation growth. Her dedication continues in efforts to solicit and cultivate future gifts for the foundation.



2006 Bishop Lucker Lecture

Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J. will be this year's presenter at the annual Bishop Lucker Lecture to be held on Thursday, March 2, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hutchinson Event Center, Hutchinson, MN. Cardinal Dulles will speak on *Becoming a Community of Disciples*, using his theological expertise to reflect upon the New Ulm diocese's experience of implementing Area Faith Communities. To register via the Web visit www.dnu.org or call (507) 359-2966.