

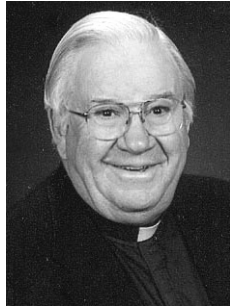
'07 Distinguished Service Awards announced

Recipients to be honored at annual Bishop Lucker Lecture

The New Ulm Diocesan Distinguished Service Award (DDSA) is given annually to those who have served the Diocese of New Ulm in outstanding ways over a period of years. The awards will be presented by Bishop John C. Nienstedt on March 11, 2007 at the annual Bishop Lucker Lecture which will be held at the Hutchinson Event Center in Hutchinson, MN.

THE 2007 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Rev. Jack Brunner is pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Watkins. His dedication and vision for Catholic schools was evident in Bird Island, Winsted,



Fairfax, and particularly in New Ulm where he helped form the New Ulm Area Catholic Schools, which combined three parish schools as well as a high school into an area system. Fr. Jack has also brought a keen sense of stewardship and vision to various diocesan groups, such as Priests' Council, Priests' Pension Board, and the Property Committee which is developing the land adjacent to the Pastoral Center in New Ulm.

Mary Ann Powers is a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish in Spicer/New London. As an active member of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) she has served as



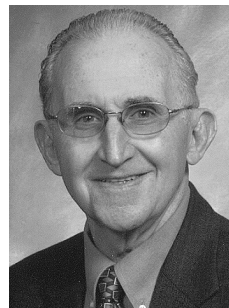
regional president, and currently serves on the regional Legislative Commission. She has also been active in the Reverence for Life movement throughout the diocese and the State of Minnesota. Her involvement extends to her parish where she is a sacristan.

Joel and Kathleen Schwarz



are members of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Parish in New Ulm. For the past eleven years, they have served as a presenter couple for the diocesan Marriage Preparation Program. They have shared their wisdom and experience with engaged couples on the topics of communication, intimacy, and conflict resolution. The Schwarzs are the parents of six children.

Ken Stadick



is a member of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Parish in New Ulm. He has been a leader in the renovation and improvement of the Way of the Cross shrine in New Ulm. This includes serving as chairperson of the coordinating committee and supervising or assisting with the various projects involved in the beautification of

the shrine. Stadick is also active with the Father Alexander Berghold Memorial Committee, serving as chairperson of the grounds sub-committee which planned and supervised the various phases in the development of Loretto Park.

Bishop Lucker Lecture

The Diocese of New Ulm will again host the annual Bishop Lucker Lecture to be held on Sunday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Event Center, 1005 Hwy. 15 South, Hutchinson, MN.

This year's presenter will be Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston who will speak 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.

The Lecture is free and open to the public.