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Joyce Tutt named to receive NTC's Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award

Edmonton, July 11, 2016 – Joyce Tutt, a tireless supporter of Catholic charitable causes and a passionate volunteer in her parish and community, is being honoured by Newman Theological College as this year's recipient of the Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award.

The award, named for the first layperson to serve as president of the college, recognizes individuals whose outstanding Christian leadership reflects the values of the college and the qualities that Carr cherished and exhibited in his work.



Joyce worked for more than 15 years with the Foundation of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College, which raises the funds that enable these institutions to carry out their missions of theological education and priestly formation. In retirement, she has continued to share her infectious enthusiasm as a volunteer at the Newman Classic golf tournament and the Faith, Family and Fun Run/Walk. She is also a great cook who shares her expertise in the kitchen with small groups of seminarians each year.

With characteristic humility, Joyce credits her parents for setting the example of generous service to church and community. As a teenager, she served as president of her local Catholic Youth Organization and worked bingos for the church, and then went on to volunteer as a Big Sister to a troubled 12-year-old young offender. At the parish level, she has served in a variety of roles, including Sunday school committee, counting and recording donations, lector, liturgy committee, and RCIA sponsor.

Joyce has also volunteered with the Friars of Edmonton, the Franciscans of Western Canada, and the Cornerstone of Faith building campaign. She has served on the local and national boards of the Elizabeth Fry Society, on the board of the Alberta Association of Fund Raising Executives, and on the executive committee of the Edmonton Roundtable, Canadian Association of Gift Planners.

Joyce and her husband, Stu, have also contributed hundreds of hours for Habitat for Humanity, helping families build and own new homes.

Many people in the Edmonton area have become better communicators because of Joyce, who is well known as an engaging public speaker. She first took the Christopher Leadership Training Course in 1987, and went on to several leadership roles in the organization. In 2009, she was honoured with a Life Membership for her 20 years of service. She has also shared her communications skills by tutoring Vietnamese seminarians in conversational English.



Mary Molloy, who nominated Joyce for the Carr Award, has served with her on several volunteer committees. “What inspired me the most working with Joyce was her positive attitude and finding ways to resolve differences,” Mary wrote in her nomination letter. “She was always willing to listen, to reflect and collaboratively find a solution.”

Another nominator, Sister Anne Rajotte CSJ, said Joyce seemed to be able to discover and support causes that would help make Edmonton a better place. When they served together teaching the Christopher Leadership Course, Sister Anne found Joyce “a truly Christian example of love and support, both for us as team members and for the students in the class.”

Joyce will be honoured at the 13th Annual Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award Luncheon on Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

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Previous Recipients of the Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award:

2015 – Glen Argan
2014 – Marc Barylo
2013 – Mary Molloy
2012 – Kae Neufeld
2011 – Rosanna Saccomani, Q.C.
2010 – Ben Hochhausen
2009 – Sr. Annata Brockman
2008 – Don Zinyk
2007 – Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C.
2006 – Tim Spelliscy
2005 – Ernest Chauvet
2004 – Hon. Jean Forest