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**To:** Pastors  
Christian Service Coordinators  
Directors of Religious Education  
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Youth Ministers

**From:** Joyce Hyttinen  
Director, Christian Service and Health Care Ministries

**Re:** 2017 Special Needs Ministries Annual Mass and Awards is October 1st

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan Special Needs Ministries Leadership Council organizes an annual Mass for Persons with Special Needs. We welcome individuals, families, caregivers, and anyone desiring to participate in Mass on October 1st. We will recognize the gifts of people with special needs and the many ways they enhance the lives of people around them and their positive influence on parish and community life.

This Eucharistic Celebration is at St. Anastasia in Troy on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the 10:15am Liturgy. Bishop Arturo Cepeda is the main celebrant. During the Mass, we will present awards to individuals and programs nominated for excellence in providing service, awareness, and sensitivity to people with special needs. Refreshments and fellowship will be provided following the Mass.

The categories for the awards include an exceptional person with special needs, a program for special needs, a caregiver, or a person who is an outstanding leader in ministering to people with special needs. Please consider submitting the award recognition nomination form that accompanies this memo. The criteria and categories are also included for your review.

Thoughtfully consider your nomination as there is a limit of one application per parish. The Pastor's signature is required for all nominations, and the nomination form is due by September 12. Please share this form with others who may have recommendations.

Mark your calendars and join us for the liturgical celebration on October 1st. All are welcome.

For questions, please call 586-416-2300 ext. 4032 or email: [hyttinenj@ccsem.org](mailto:hyttinenj@ccsem.org). We look forward to seeing you at the Mass. Thank you for your participation and support!