

Sisters Announce 2010 Honorees

The Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate are happy to announce the 2010 honorees for the Mother Alfred Moes Award, which began in 2008, and the Joliet Franciscan Heritage Award, which is a new award this year. Both awards will be presented at the 21st Annual Franciscan Autumn Feast on October 24, 2010. Please join in congratulating our 2010 honorees:

Mother Alfred Moes Award - 2010 Honoree - Jean Roach



Jean Roach is the 2010 Mother Alfred Moes Award honoree. Jean gives tirelessly of herself to the Joliet community. She was instrumental in the development and establishment of the Joliet Area Community Hospice, and as a volunteer has served in many capacities since its opening in 1982. She has served and continues to serve on a variety of boards and committees for institutions and organizations throughout the area. Her connection to the Joliet Franciscans is a lengthy one and was strengthened when she became an Associate of the Congregation in 1993.

Mother Alfred cared about the Joliet and its people. In many ways, Jean is like Mother Alfred. She is proud of Joliet, and in her this community has a loyal friend who cares deeply about its people.

Joliet Franciscan Heritage Award - 2010 Honorees LaVerne and Dorothy Brown



The Joliet Franciscan Heritage Award has been established to honor individuals who recognize the needs of their community and use their gifts to care for those needs.

Bitz and Dottie Brown are known throughout the Joliet area for their generosity and kindness to the community. Through their service on a variety of institution and organization boards and committees, they have impacted the lives of many of Joliet's residents. Recognizing that heart disease is the number one killer in Will County, as well as in the United States, Bitz and Dottie made a significant investment in advancing healthcare in the community through Silver Cross Hospital.

Bitz and Dottie have a long relationship as friends of the Joliet Franciscan Sisters. They entered into Associate relationships in 1988. Their lives have been lives of sharing, giving and serving wherever they have seen a need. They generously share the gifts that God has given them.