

The African American Celebration Committee

Nominations for St. Columba Church Service Awards-2018

1. Ujima Award

Ujima means “Collective Work and Responsibility” and is one of the seven principals of Kwanza. The guidelines for eligibility as the recipient(s) of this award are:

- Must be community member; NOT, a St. Columba parishioner.
- Have substantial CURRENT community service.
- Has demonstrated a commitment to family, community and culture by bonding people together for the common good.
- Exemplifies leadership, character and volunteerism to build and maintain our community together, embraces the problems of our community members and seeks resolution together.
- Promotes the concept of building and maintaining the community through education and support.
- Reminds us that true peace is not the absence of tension, but the presence of justice.
- Has demonstrated dedication to the issues of multicultural diversity, community safety and/or social justice.

2. Thea Bowman Award

Sr. Thea truly extended herself to God to be used as an instrument for His kingdom-building. The guidelines for eligibility as the recipient of this award are:

- Has committed himself/herself to excellence and selfless service to God.
- Demonstrated a deep appreciation for being African-American and Catholic.
- Has celebrated the gifts of all people and assisted others to grow in the awareness of their individual gifts.
- Aided and encouraged others to have an appreciation for the rich cultural heritage of African-Americans.
- Used their God-given gifts to honor God and eliminate racial and cultural barriers.

This award was reinstated in 2013 within the spirit of kingdom- building and diversity to broaden the pool of nominees for recognition. This award acknowledges and invites individuals with significant impact within the African Community into St. Columba.

Both Ujima and Thea Bowman Awards nominees must be:

- Catholic
- Nominated by a member of St. Columba.
- Reside in the Diocese of Oakland (includes Alameda and Contra Costa Counties).
- Can be nominated as a couple.

Nominations are open until **December 3, 2017**. The Awards will be made at the 10:30 AM Liturgy on **January 14, 2018**. Please send nomination information, including a biography, to Harriett Dunbar in The form of an e-mail to: hdhercules09@yahoo.com. For questions or information please call 707-673-2277. Each message will receive a prompt response.