

In the category of Excellence in Education, the nominee is Mrs. Kathy Zerumsky, recently retired longtime kindergarten teacher from St. Adalbert and Our Lady of Port Richmond. Mrs. Zerumsky graduated from St. Adalbert School in 1966, and went on to John W. Hallahan High School. Mrs. Zerumsky attended Manor Junior College and Holy Family University, and studied elementary education. She began her teaching career at St. Veronica School, teaching 4th grade. She took some time off to raise her family, and returned to full-time classroom teaching when her children were in school. In total, her educational career spans thirty-seven years, thirty of which took place at St. Adalbert and Our Lady of Port Richmond teaching kindergarten in room 13. Mrs. Zerumsky also served as a member of the Early Childhood Curriculum Committee of the Archdiocese for 18 years, five of those years as the chair of the committee. In her time spent as a member, she had the opportunity to present at various workshops for the early childhood teachers of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Mrs. Zerumsky retired from teaching in 2018, and currently serves as a coordinator of the Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) program in the Archdiocese as well as a member of the OLPR Board of Specified Jurisdiction. Mrs. Zerumsky has been married for 43 years to her husband, Bernie. They have two children, three grandchildren, and two grand-dogs. She and her husband currently reside in Port Richmond. One of her favorite things about living and working in Port Richmond is getting to know the children and families of the neighborhood and feeling like a minor celebrity when visiting local stores. Congratulations to Mrs. Kathy Zerumsky on this well-deserved honor.