

In the category of Service to the Faith, the nominee is Fr. Jack Kolodziej, OSFS, Director of Salesian Spirituality at Father Judge High School. Fr. Jack was baptized at Nativity BVM, and followed his sister Ellen to Nativity BVM School. After graduating from Nativity in 1983, Fr. Jack attended North Catholic and Holy Family University. After graduating from Holy Family, Fr. Jack entered the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales in 1991. Fr. Jack studied theology at DeSales School of Theology in Washington, DC and received a Master's of Divinity degree from the Washington Theological Union in 1999. On January 30, 1999, Fr. Jack was ordained a priest. During his formation and early years as a priest, Fr. Jack taught classes and served as the campus minister at Salesianum High School in Wilmington, DE. After a year of working with the retired priests at the Oblate Retirement Center in Maryland, Fr. Jack was assigned to Father Judge High School as the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs in 2006. In 2017, Fr. Jack became the Director of Salesian Mission and Identity at Father Judge. His current role includes planning service opportunities for students, assisting teachers in sharing the mission of St. Francis de Sales and Salesian identity, supporting the campus ministry and retreat programs at Father Judge, and teaching a class in the Theology department. Fr. Jack currently resides at the Oblate residence in Wilmington, DE.