



Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School

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CJ Teacher Receives Archdiocese's Spirit of Sister Dorothy Stang Award

Dayton, Ohio; May 24, 2013 — For the fourth consecutive school year, a member of the Chaminade Julienne community was recognized by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for living out the legacy of one of its most beloved alumnae.

English teacher Molly Bardine was named a recipient of the 2013 [Spirit of Sister Dorothy Stang Award](#). The award is given to Catholic faculty members, parish lay ministers, and graduating high school seniors who work to advance social justice by demonstrating the values of martyr Sr. Stang, SNDdeN, a 1949 graduate of Julienne High School – a CJ predecessor school.

Pam Long, regional director of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Social Action office, presented the award to Bardine after an all-school Mass at Emmanuel Catholic Church on May 22. The award was implemented in 2010 to honor the five-year remembrance of Sr. Stang's tragic death. The Dayton native served the poor and marginalized people of the Brazilian Amazon, who were continually subjected to abuse and oppression from loggers and landowners, for nearly 30 years until her murder in 2005.

"Molly incorporates the Sisters of Notre Dame charism in everything she does — in her personal life, in the way she interacts with students, in determining curriculum as the English department chair," wrote Nancy Dever, CJ math teacher, in her nomination letter.

"She truly seeks to keep alive the memory and ministry of Sr. Dorothy Stang, especially through her desire that the students of Chaminade Julienne learn about social justice issues and are able to come to the realization that one person can make a difference."

In 20 years as a CJ faculty member, Bardine has worked to cultivate and teach students from a global, faith-based perspective. She serves as co-chair the school's Mission Integration Team (MIT) and has implemented the annual Stang Symposium (which most notably featured Sr. Dorothy biographer Binka Le Breton in 2009), spearheaded the new Senior Capstone Project in 2012-13, and twice attended the national SND Education Conference (most recently during the summer of 2012).

“When I asked some of her students why they thought Mrs. Bardine would be nominated for such an honor,” Dever wrote, “they said: she’s passionate and insightful; she shares with us how important Mary is in her life; she talks about the importance of her family, and she sees her students as an extension of her family; in her class, it’s not just about grades, it’s about life lessons.”

Molly and her husband Bryan, an associate professor at the University of Dayton, are residents of Kettering. Their daughters Katherine and Allison attend Holy Angels Catholic Elementary School in Dayton.

Previous Chaminade Julianne recipients include 2010 graduate Cora Harrison, religion teacher Mick Mominee and guidance counselor Susan Eichenauer.

Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School is jointly owned and sponsored by the Marianists and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. The school serves 630 students and families from more than 50 zip codes who seek a Catholic educational experience and excellent academic opportunities. CJ became the first Catholic high school in the nation to be dually certified in biomedical sciences and pre-engineering by Project Lead the Way (PLTW) in June 2011, and continues to be one of just two dually certified PLTW schools in the Miami Valley. For more than 125 years, CJ has been located at 505 S. Ludlow Street, Dayton, OH, three minutes north of the University of Dayton, a fellow Marianist institution.

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