Center for Interfaith Cooperation



The 3rd Annual INTERFAITH BANQUET February 12, 2017

Honoring Sister Norma Rocklage "Interfaith Ambassador of the Year"

CIC: Hoosiers of many faiths in community, pursuing peace through interfaith understanding and cooperation.



THE CENTER FOR INTERFAITH COOPERATION Proudly Welcomes You to our Third Annual

Interfaith Banquet

HONORING SISTER NORMA ROCKLAGE

as

Interfaith Ambassador of the Year

FEATURING MUSIC BY:

The Marian University Sacred Choir Members of the Marian University Marching Band JT Sifuentes

Columbia Club - Indianapolis, Indiana



OUR VISION

A community that pursues peace through interfaith understanding and cooperation.

OUR MISSION

To strengthen community in central Indiana and beyond by:

- Supporting existing connections between and among faith communities;
- Fostering additional interfaith opportunities through social, cultural, and educational interactions; and
- Connecting faith communities through volunteer service and civic engagement.



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Special thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers and members of the Banquet Planning Committee: Pierre Atlas, Betty Klein, Glenn Tebbe & Charlie Wiles



Welcome Charlie Wiles, CIC Executive Director Introduction of Master of Ceremonies Dr. Pierre Atlas

Special Guest Honorable Mayor Joseph Hogsett

Invocation Sister Jean Marie Cleveland

Dinner

VIDEO: Sister Norma

Music

Marian University Sacred Choir - Lauren Lawson Conducting "Above All Else" - Joel Rainey "Make Me an Instrument of Peace" - music by Justin Wedgewood

> **Remarks** President Daniel Elsener, Marian University

Award Ceremony

Waseema Ali, CIC Vice Chair KP Singh, 2016 Interfaith Ambassador

Music

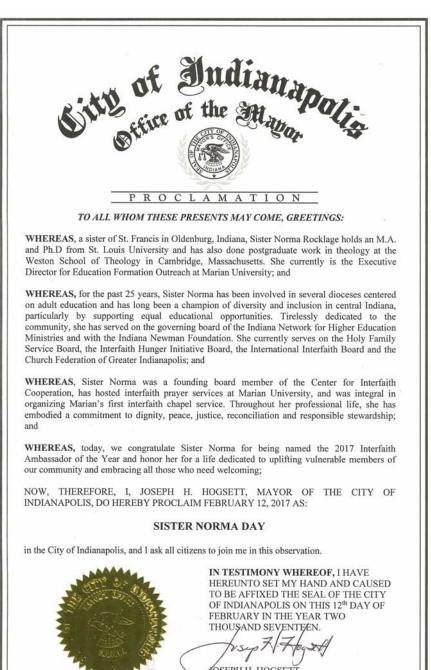
JT Sifuentes "Forever Young" - Bob Dylan

Remarks

Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference Maggie Stephens, Marian University Student Katherine Souchet Downey, Office of Congressman André Carson (IN-7) Board Member, Latino/a Youth Collective

Music & Dancing

Marian University Marching Band-Brent Hornaday Conducting



JOSEPH H. HOGSETT MAYOR CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

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Congratulations to our beloved Sister Norma Rocklage.

Your respect and appreciation for all faiths and all people is exemplary. Thank you for contributing to the understanding and strengthening of relationships between people of different faiths.



Sister Norma Rocklage, OSF, Ph.D. '60 Executive Director for Education Formation Outreach Interfaith Ambassador of the Year

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Congratulations Sister Norma!

Thank you for your leadership and dedication in making Indianapolis a more compassionate and welcoming community! JOE DONNELLY

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United States Senate

February 12, 2017

Dear Friends,

As Indiana's United States Senator, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the Third Annual Interfaith Banquet hosted by Center for Interfaith Cooperation. Unfortunately, a scheduling conflict prevents me from being with you in person this evening.

For a quarter century, Sister Norma Rockladge has been a leader in the central Indiana interfaith community, serving as a champion for the most vulnerable members of our community and working to improve the quality of life for those most in need. Hoosiers across central Indiana are grateful for her many years of service, and there is no one more deserving of the title of 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year.

Matthew 25:35-36 says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Sister Norma is the epitome of serving God by serving others, and our community has been strengthened by her many years of leadership. I congratulate Sister Norma on this well-deserved recognition, and I wish her well with her future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Joe Donnelly United States Senator

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February 12, 2017

Sister Norma Rocklage, OSF Executive Director for Education Formation Outreach Marian University

Dear Sister Norma:

I am pleased to join with so many others in congratulating you on being recognized as the Interfaith Ambassador of the Year by the Center for Interfaith Cooperation.

The honor is especially fitting, given your lifelong dedication to public service and connecting people of different faiths. You have served, with distinction, not only Marian University, but also the greater Indianapolis and Indiana communities. Indeed, your impact can be felt throughout the world through the activities of the students and parishioners you have guided over many years. I would like to thank you, personally, for the work you have done to give students and community members the opportunity to learn about and from people of differing cultures and faiths, as I believe cross-cultural understanding is the key to a more just and peaceful world.

Congratulations, once again, for the signal recognition of being named Interfaith Ambassador of the Year. I wish you many years of good health and vitality.

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Richard G. Lugar United States Senator (Ret.)



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February 12, 2017

Sister Norma Rocklage Marian University 3200 Cold Springs Road Indianapolis, IN 46222

Dear Sr. Norma:

I extend a heartfelt congratulations on the well-earned Interfaith Ambassador of the Year Award you're receiving from the Center for Interfaith Cooperation. As your friends, family and associates gather to celebrate your achievement, I want to add my personal thanks for all you've done throughout your wonderful career.

Through your work at Marian University and your extensive philanthropic and charitable involvement, you've dedicated your life to the betterment of the community. You've made a lasting impact on Indiana. For that, our state remains forever grateful.

I look forward to your continued involvement as you serve others and continue to be a great ambassador of the Hoosier State.

Sincerely,

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Eric Holcomb Governor



February 12, 2017

Dear Sister Norma,

I am honored to offer my congratulations to you in receiving the Interfaith Ambassador of the Year Award from the Center for Interfaith Cooperation.

It is difficult to know where to begin in recognizing the impact you have made during your years of service on Marian University's campus and in the broader Indianapolis community. From supporting educational opportunities for all students to organizing interfaith efforts across our city, you have shown yourself to be not only a committed faith leader, but also a staunch advocate for justice, diversity, and inclusion. Your commitment to help others has touched countless lives, and sets an example to be followed by all. You have humbly and judiciously demonstrated and embodied the Franciscan values: Dignity of the individual, Peace, and Justice, Reconciliation, and Responsible Stewardship. I am confident that your service has left a lasting legacy, and I am proud to call you my constituent.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District of Indiana, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for giving your time, talents and energy to our city. I wish you many more years of health and success as a leader in our community.

Sincerely,

André Carson Member of Congress

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February 12, 2017

Sister Norma Rocklage, OSF Marian University 3200 Cold Springs Road Indianapolis, IN 46222

Dear Sr. Norma,

Congratulations on receiving the 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year award from the Center for Interfaith Cooperation. I am pleased to add my thanks to you and to the Center for Interfaith Cooperation for recognizing your extraordinary accomplishments in building and strengthening interfaith relationships in central Indiana.

I know you will continue to act as a role model and advocate within the community and at Marian University, while representing the Franciscan values of individual dignity, peace and justice, reconciliation and responsible stewardship. Hoosiers are fortunate to have a woman of your commitment and thoughtfulness dedicated to inclusion and improving the quality of life for all.

Please enjoy this evening of celebration with your many friends and admirers with my wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Susanw. Brooks

Susan W. Brooks Member of Congress



February 3, 2017

Sr. Norma Rocklage, OSF Executive Director for Education Formation Outreach Marian University 3200 Cold Spring Road Indianapolis, IN 46222

Dear Sr. Rocklage:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on becoming the Center for Interfaith Cooperation's "Interfaith Ambassador of the Year" – an honor that is fitting and a testament to your dedication of helping build a welcoming and spiritual community.

The list of individuals and organizations that have benefitted from your religious instruction and faithful service is long. The City of Carmel and its citizens join the ranks of those grateful for your tireless efforts and contributions. Best wishes as you enjoy the many accolades you will undoubtedly receive from an indebted community.

Very truly yours,

James Brainard Mayor

One Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032 Office 317.571.2401, Fax 317.844.3498 Email jbrainard@carmel.in.gov

Greeting CIC Supporters and Friends,

We welcome you to tonight's Interfaith Banquet. Thank you for joining us on this special occasion.

I am very honored to serve as the 2017 Chair of the Board of Directors for the Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC). Indiana is blessed to have a diverse population of individuals from around the world who call the Hoosier state their home. Many wonderful benefits come with this ethnic diversity, including new faith traditions. CIC embraces this religious diversity and believes it adds a beauty and richness to our community.

CIC has an exciting year ahead as we focus on our core areas of celebrating our diverse faith communities. We will continue to offer educational activities and opportunities for dialogue, as well as providing for areas of service as we strive to broaden our understanding about each other, uplift and unify our community, and provide support to our neighbors in need.

I regret due to my work schedule, I am out of the country for this distinct occasion to honor Sister Norma Rocklage as CIC's 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year. Sister Norma exemplifies so many wonderful qualities of faith and humanity including love, peace, patience, graciousness, kindness, humbleness, goodness, as well as a generous spirit. On behalf of CIC, Sister Norma we are grateful and proud of your dedicated service to our community as we honor and celebrate your lifetime of work.

Well-deserved Sister Norma!

Warm regards, Jane Gehlhausen 2017 Chair CIC Board of Directors



Dear Sr. Norma,

Congratulations on being named the 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year!

The People of Peace Secular Franciscan Order expresses our gratitude for your leadership as our Spiritual Assistant which has sustained us, and the wider community, over these many years.



Most high, glorious God, Enlighten the darkness of my heart; Give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out your holy and true commands."

-Francis of Assisi





Congratulations Sister Norma from the Compassionate Indy steering committee.

compassionateindy.org

A letter from Luz Flores, former Marian student and Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance Board Member.

What do you say about someone who gives so much and asks for nothing in return? God has granted me the privilege to know Sister Norma and allowed me to walk beside her.

One night she explained an inside joke of her "bag full of millions" that she carried to events. It was a joke that was shared with others because though she did carry a bag, there was nothing in it but bare essentials. Every time I think of this, there is an immediate smile on my face, her joy and simplicity radiate an internal light within me.

Then there's the endless nights and days that she dedicates in support of Marian students. During my time at Marian, you could find Sister Norma front row of any sport—soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball—whatever it was. She would attend all the orientation days, any retreat she could, and if she couldn't physically be there for any event, she would pray for the students. Her consistent nature and unwavering support of student life truly make her the heart of the university I'm glad she could be a huge part of my experience there.

There is no one I've met, other than maybe my mom, that fully dedicates themselves to others as much as Sister Norma does. Her guidance and presence in my life has impacted me to be a better human. And though she has lots wisdom to share, it's through her actions and daily interactions that have moved my heart and soul to continually reflect the love of God. Sister Norma may not know how many lives she's influenced or how many seeds she's planted along the way through her love, but through this award, I hope she can feel how dynamically impactful her life and dedication to the community has been.

"No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted. All of these encircle our world like a vital force. Sometimes it seems that our work is fruitless, but mission is not like a business transaction or investment, or even a humanitarian activity. It is not a show where we count how many people come as a result of our publicity; it is something much deeper, which escapes all measurement. It may be that the Lord uses our sacrifices to shower blessings in another part of the world which we will never visit. The Holy Spirit works as he wills, when he wills and where he wills; we entrust ourselves without pretending to see striking results. We know only that our commitment is necessary. Let us learn to rest in the tenderness of the arms of the Father amid our creative and generous commitment. Let us keep marching forward; let us give him everything, allowing him to make our efforts bear fruit in his good time."

-Pope Francis

Joy of the Gospel (Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium Of the Holy Father Francis To The Bishops, Clergy, Consecrated Persons And The Lay Faithful On The Proclamation Of The Gospel In Today's World).

The CIC is a proud recipient of the 2016 IUYA Chickadee Bird Award as an Honorary Community Organization.





Congratulations Sister Norma!

You are a blessing for the Church and the world.

Archdiocese of Indianapolis Indiana Catholic Conference

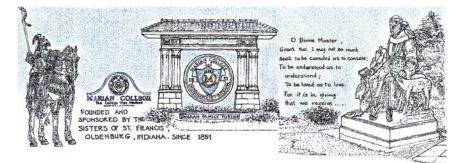


Dear Sister Norma Congratulations on being named 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year!



Congratulations Sister Norma Rocklage 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year





Love and blessings, KP Singh Family Indianapolis, Indiana USA



Congratulation to Sister Norma Rocklage, OSF, The 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year For distinguished service, leadership, and advancing the vision and mission of the Center for Interfaith Cooperation.

KP Singh <> www.KPSinghDesigns.com Indianapolis, Indiana USA



Dear Sr. Norma

The Butler University Center for Faith and Vocation is grateful for the work that you do to help uplift those in your community through your initiatives and commitments to social justice and equality. We are also inspired by your faith-filled fearlessness and open-heartedness and sense of humor grounded in realism-when you shared the story about being run over by a car, I don't recall any negative statement. I paraphrase. "I'm alive and get this garbage can off of me!" May we all similarly exemplify calm in the midst of turmoil, no matter how personal or global.

Sr. Norma, You have been a mentor, teacher, spiritual advisor and great friend to so many. We love you - Jerry Jones



Dear Sister Norma, you are a star and I am blessed to know you. Congratulations on your honor today!

Peace, Bill

Sister Norma with Cardinal Joseph Tobin

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May almighty God bless you. May God look upon you with the eyes of great mercy And give you much peace. May God pour forth all graces on you abundantly And in heaven may God place you among the saints. -Biessing of St. Clare of Assisi

Congratulations, S. Norma!



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Congratulations Sister Norma!

May your light shine before all so that they may see the good that you do and give glory to God.

The Office of Intercultural Ministry of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis



conege of osteopathic medicine

Marian University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) is pleased to celebrate Sister Norma Rocklage as the Interfaith Ambassador of the Year. Thank you for your years of tireless service and devotion!

www.marian.edu/medicalschool

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We congratulate Sister Morma Rocklage on

being named Interfaith Ambassador of the Year.

SISTER NORMA, WE LOVE YOU AND APPRECIATE ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A MORE WELCOMING PLACE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND CULTURES.

OUR VERY BEST Don & Jen Knebel • Shaheryar & Waseema Ansari



Turkish cooking class, January 21, 2017, St. Luke's UMC

THE INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE OF ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH The members of the Interfaith Relationships Committee honor the ground breaking work of Sister Norma. She was blazing the trail, creating relationships and respecting people of other faith traditions before we even decided to form a group. If we can claim to be leaders today, it is because of Sister Norma.

To our beloved friend Sister Norma Rocklage Congratulations on being named 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year!

Bishop Cate Waynick and the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis





Mazal Tov Sister Norma Rocklage!

As the "heart and soul" of Marian University and the entire interfaith community, your generous spirit has been a model for all those working to bring understanding and compassion into every relationship and every act. The words "thank you" are too meager for the gifts you've given to the Greater Indianapolis interfaith community for over 60 years!

> "And what does God require of you? Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

> > — Micah 6:8

The following Indianapolis Jewish agencies and synagogues contributed to, and are present tonight at, the CIC's 2017 Interfaith Banquet:





We at the Hindu Temple and Jain Center would like to congratulate Sister Norma on her years of service and dedication to the Indianapolis community. Your work on behalf of those who are less fortunate has been an inspiration to us all. We wish you peace and love always! Anita Joshi, Vimal & Kusum Patel and Aarti & Shreyas Shah

Congratulations **Sister Norma** Interfaith Ambassador of the Year

Judge Charles A. Wiles Sachiko Utsumi Wiles Charlie Wiles In loving memory of Masahiro Utsumi (1931-2014) and Jeanne Parker Wiles (1936-2014) Marian Grad '57



Testimonials about Sister Norma from Students and Staff at Marian University.

Sr. Norma was one of the dedicated prayer warriors who prayed my family through my daughter's cancer treatment, even as her own sister was battling cancer. Every time she sees my Anna, she mentions how hard she (and the rest of the Marian community) prayed. I'm so blessed to be the mom of a healthy 14-year-old survivor now, and was lifted up by the prayers of Sr. Norma and all our Marian family!

Cathy Siler '86, Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement

When I think of Sr. Norma, the first thing that I think of is her heartwarming smile. She has an eternal supply of wisdom to share, but she never tries to teach anyone anything until she assures that they feel personally loved.

Luke Messmer, Student

When I think of Sister Norma, I think of a youthful spirit. She is the best part of sporting events, and she finds loving solutions to the complexities of the world. Sister Norma is a blessing in my life, not just through her softspoken kindness, but also through her example of prayer and her joy in simply living.

Katherine Timmermann, Student

When I think of Sr. Norma, I think of a fighting little woman, who will stand with the right and just even when all of society is against her. She believes and has faith that God is on her side, so who can stand against her?

Catherine Bell. Student

When I think of Sr. Norma I think of a gentle generous warrior. She is the main reason I came to Marian because she fought for me to come to this school and she was so generous with my family. God works through her with so much peace, she is a blessing.

Jonathan Tinajero, Student

When I think of Sister Norma, I think of authentic missionary discipleship. You can either find her sitting at the feet of the Teacher in peaceful prayer, or fighting tirelessly for those in need.

Kristin Hauer, Student

When I think of Sr. Norma, I think of Intelligence. She is a brilliant woman who could be off with the best of scholars, yet chooses to spend her time educating students about our Lord and Savior. She is intelligent and compassionate.

Clare Impicciche. Student

Dear Sister Norma,

Congratulations on becoming the 2017 *Interfaith Ambassador* of the Year!

From your friends at the Muslim Alliance of Indiana



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CONGRATULATIONS -

SISTER NORMA ROCKLAGE

The 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the year!



Sister Norma...you inspire me to pursue God and life to the full! I'm grateful I had the privilege to make your film tonight. Congratulation! -Ray Mills



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In honor of Sister Norma's interfaith journey...

If you or your faith group hire **RMMedia** to create a short film to tell your story or your group's story. RM Media will donate **10%*** of the cost of making the film to the **Center for Interfaith Cooperation** in support of their on-going work to build bridges of understanding between people of different faiths.

Call Ray Mills at 317.716.9903 to discuss the possibilities and for a quote.



Sister Norma speaking at the Indiana Statehood Day celebration.

December 11, 2016

Photo by Bill Foley





Congratulations Sister Norma Rocklage, OSF 2017 Interfaith Ambassador of the Year

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Discover the rich diversity of faiths and cultures in Central Indiana! Engage your congregation and share the joy of your faith community in Indiana! *To learn more visit CIC's webpage* www.CenterForInterfaithCooperation.org



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