

Deacon Stan Zawacki Memorial Diaconal Service Award

The SSDCA is now accepting nominations for the Stan Zawacki award to be presented at the upcoming Deaconate Retreat this September 2026.

The award is for a person(s) who has exemplified a ministry in a diaconal sense of service. This can be a lay person, clergy or religious. It is not primarily an award for deacons or wives but those who have, by living lives that preach the Gospel, ministered as deacons, ministered to deacons, supported the diaconal community, or, in other ways, have contributed extraordinarily to the awareness of, ministry of or to, or emulation of the office of deacon.

When nominating someone for the Deacon Stan Zawacki Award - be sure to include Who, Why, and a brief description of the achievement(s) for which you are making the nomination. Once an individual is nominated, their name remains in the selection pool. Nominations are due no later than July 31, 2026. The pool does not start anew each year. The more members nominate an individual the larger becomes that person's nomination resume. Please send your nominations to the Director of the Office of the Permanent (Ed Giblin at edward.giblin@dor.org) or to the SSDCA President (Richard Rall at richard.rall@dor.org).