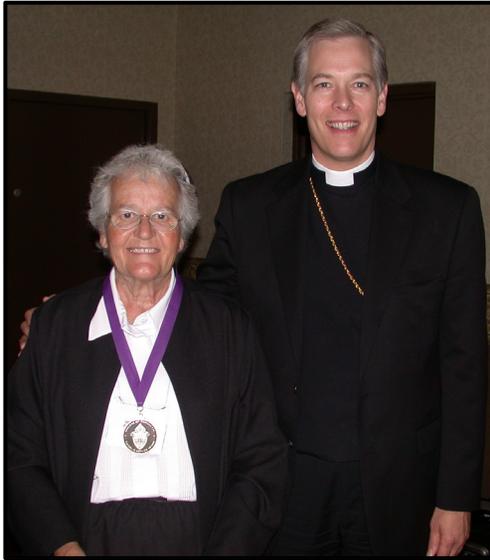


2008 CATHOLIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Sr. Ludmilla Gramann, OSF, of Marquette was nominated by a Marquette prayer group. Among other accomplishments, she was honored for more than 30 years as a Catholic School educator, and her efforts to start and grow several successful outreach projects to people in

need in the Marquette County area. The back-to-school backpack project began with 11 backpacks in 1993, and has grown to over 300 backpacks provided in Marquette County in 2008.

The goal of the project is to enhance the dignity and self-confidence in children who might otherwise suffer by comparison to smartly dressed and fully supplied children. Sr. Gramann's "Resurrection Basket" project aids the elderly and the "Adopt a Family" project provides Christmas gifts for several hundred families in the Marquette area. Sr. Gramann's outreach engages hundreds of volunteers in helping those less fortunate every year. Sr. Gramann has been a Franciscan Sister for 53 years and is a member of St. Michael Parish, Marquette.



Robert J. St. Louis of Kingsford was recognized posthumously for his demonstrated service and active leadership in the Catholic Church, the community, and beyond. Mr. St. Louis' wife, Margaret,

received the award on his behalf and his children Tom, Scott and Christine and his pastor, Rev. Paul Nomelini were present as well. Mr. St. Louis was a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent of Breitung Township School for 35 years. He was actively involved in numerous service organizations including the Knights of Columbus, Serra Club, Rotary International, and Boy Scouts of America.

He volunteered countless hours as a St. Vincent de Paul counselor to the disadvantaged, in the Jail ministry program for Dickinson County, coordinating a volunteer free transportation program for cancer patients, and he donated more than 20 gallons of blood through the Red Cross. Mr. St. Louis was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Iron Mountain where he served his faith community in all areas of church ministry. He died April 24, 2008.