

## FIRST CATHOLIC SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED



Dr. John Beaumier (right) is congratulated by his wife Mary Jane and emeritus Bishop James H. Garland, as recipient of the first Catholic Service Award. The award was developed as part of the Legacy of Faith diocesan endowment campaign to create awareness of those who show exemplary leadership and commitment to carrying out the mission of the Diocesan Church in word and action. The award recognizes lifetime dedication and service to the Diocesan Church.

Dr. John Beaumier of Cedar River, a parishioner of St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba, was surprised and honored to receive the first Catholic Service Award at the annual Bishop's Ambassadors Dinner of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette on October 6, 2007 in Marquette.

"I've received far more than I ever put into it," said Beaumier. "I owe much to my parents, brother, sisters and a lot of wonderful teachers and coaches over the years that were examples of

many outstanding Christians. I have been blessed in many ways, especially by my wife, Mary Jane, who has always stood beside me in all of our decision making."

The award recognizes lifetime dedication and service to the diocesan church. It was developed as part of the Legacy of Faith diocesan endowment campaign. The award was presented by Bishop Emeritus James H. Garland, who initiated the Legacy of Faith campaign in 2001 to establish a permanent endowment foundation with the mission of preserving and fostering the Catholic faith in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

In his presentation of the award, Bishop Garland said, "Dr. Beaumier is an outstanding steward of time, talent and treasure. He is an active leader in his parish, his local community, and the diocesan church."

A renowned orthopedic surgeon who is now retired, Dr. Beaumier serves on his parish finance and pastoral councils, is a Bishop's Ambassador for Legacy of Faith, and serves on the Diocesan Development Council. He serves on boards of The Community Foundation for Delta County, Delta County Historical Society, and Northern Michigan University Foundation. He has been recognized as an outstanding alumnus of Marquette University and has received numerous other professional and community awards and recognitions.

"John has shown exemplary leadership and is committed to carrying out the mission of the Catholic Church in word and action," said Bishop Garland.

John and Mary Jane have been deeply influenced and shaped by their Catholic faith throughout their lifetimes. They have nine children and 12 grandchildren.