



Sister Jean Anne Zappa, president of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, presented the 2004 Angeline Award to Shannon Lockhart July 30.

Ursuline Sisters present Angeline Award to woman for work with social justice issues

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (July 30, 2004) – The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville presented the 2004 Angeline Award to Shannon Lockhart for her work with social justice issues and her ministry with the poor in Guatemala.

Established in 1990, the Angeline Award is given every other year to a woman who possesses the qualities of St. Angela's charism – a contemplative love of God resulting in an openness and eagerness to serve the needs of others. The recipient addresses the needs and concerns of her time and displays Christian leadership by being actively involved with challenges that face women and families today, such as illiteracy, poverty, violence, abuse, prejudice or addiction.

“Shannon's work with women, children and others in need inspired us to name her as the recipient of the Angeline Award this year,” said Sister Anne Mary Lochner, chair of the Angeline Award committee and member of the Ursuline Sisters' Leadership Team. “She has truly lived out our charism, serving the needs of others in so many ways.”

A graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, Lockhart obtained her Master's degree in social work from Loyola. She worked in El Salvador and trained mothers in parenting skills while working at a kindergarten/day care center. She returned to Chicago and worked with several agencies that served the Latino population. In 1997, she moved to Guatemala to work first with the Guatemala Accompaniment Project and then the Human Rights Office, part of the Archdiocese of Guatemala. With the Human Rights Office, she served as a mental health worker, helping survivors of Mayan massacres and traveling with mental health teams to sites of massacres to help survivors deal with post-traumatic stress. She now works with a sister parish program in Guatemala.

Another criteria for eligibility is a personal connection to the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville through ministry, professional association, education, relationship or common goals. Lockhart was nominated by Sister Judith Rice, who knew her through Sacred Heart Academy and in 1997 became a member of her support community.

Shannon is the daughter of Bellarmine University professor and artist Bob Lockhart and his wife, Dottie.

Past recipients (year in parentheses) include Donna McKinney Hansen of Spokane, Wash. (1991), a graduate of Ursuline College, for her work as a former social worker and as a secretary for social ministries; Juanna Gil Sanchez of Callao, Peru, South America (1992), for founding an organization for senior citizens and helping bring a medical team to her community; Barbara Emrich Cassidy of Louisville, Ky. (1994), for her service to the elderly and her work with the Ursuline Bargain Barn to help retired sisters; Margo Thompson Borders of Louisville (1996), for her work with her church in adopting a Vietnamese family, organizing neighbors to help an elderly couple and involvement in different social service agencies that serve women and families; Maria Scharfenberger of Louisville (1998), for her extensive work with the Hispanic community; Jane Thibault, Ph.D., of Louisville (2000), a gerontologist, for ongoing commitment to the senior population, serving on numerous committees and establishing Spiritually Aware Growing Elders Resources, Inc.; and Mary Kwan of Huston, Texas (2002), a graduate of the former Ursuline College for her work to provide medical care to the poor.

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