

2015 Christian Life Award to Charlie Bullington.

Today we honor Charlie Bullington (Class of 67) with the Franciscan Alumni Association Christian Life Award. This award is presented to individuals in recognition of the witness of Christian values in their life.

Charlie has had a long time heart for living the life of Christ and following St. Francis. After graduating from SFS he went on and became, for a few years, a Franciscan brother living at St. Anthony Friary. He later went into the in construction industry.

Charlie's life reflect a life of volunteerism. He is very active at his parish St. John the Evangelist in West Chester, co-chairing festival booths and helping in many other ways as needed.

One thing that I am grateful for is that his good word at his parish helped my son Jonathan get a summer grounds keeping job while he was in college.

For 4 years Charlie volunteered for People Working Cooperatively on Repair Affair Day.

He also has worked on the Board for the New Housing Ohio organization. A provider of housing for the low income, homeless, those recovering from substance abuse and the mentally ill.

His service also includes help with the Transitional Living Corporation. An Ohio non-profit agency who is a provider of behavioral health services, located primarily in Butler County, serving as a board member and secretary.

He also served with THR. Inc. An Ohio nonprofit corporation which provides a wide range of psychosocial rehabilitation services, such as housing and Social Security representative payee services, serving on their board and holding the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and President.

Charlie gives his life's blood. Literally as a regular donor at the Hoxworth blood center.

It is with great appreciation that we also recognize Charlie's significant work with the Franciscan Alumni Association. Going back to the early days of this organization. His service included, among other things:

- Board member: 1988 - 2014
- Treasurer:1994-96,
- Secretary:1992-93
- Co-Editor of the Newsletter: 1998 – 1999
- Editor of the newsletter: 2000 - 2002
I understand that Fr. Pat McCloskey worked on the FAA newsletter. Pat doing the editorial work and Charlie doing the page layout and technical work.
- Treasurer:2007-2014

- Archivist:2006-2014

He also served on the awards committee and worked on the Association's by laws. He's also the go-to guy for anything mechanical or electrical for the FAA. When we needed to cut a time capsule from the stone bridge several years ago, Charlie got it done by bringing in a stone cutter. When we needed electricity at the Peace Garden for Mass during our reunions, Charlie brought a 400' heavy duty extension cord.

Besides all this, Charlie also volunteered with many professional organizations related to the construction industry. He says that it's all Ronald Nunlist' fault that he went out and volunteered like this.

So we would like to recognize Charlie for this and other ways he witnesses to the Christian life. And of course we wish to recognize and thank Charlie's wife Tillie for her support. As Charlie says he's been married for 36 years to the love of his life.