



DIocese OF BRIDGEPORT

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
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Sister Francis Smalkowski
1430 Monroe Turnpike
Monroe, CT 06468

Dear Sister Smalkowski,

During the pandemic, you have served heroically in caring for the needs of the ill, the elderly and their families. I am deeply grateful for the generous and courageous work you have done.

As a sign of my personal gratitude and in recognition of your ministry, I would like to present you and all the clergy and religious serving in hospitals and nursing homes in the Diocese with a special Saint Augustine Medal of Service. The Medals will be bestowed during the celebration of Mass on **Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Augustine Cathedral.**

The Saint Augustine Medal of Service was instituted in 2005 to recognize members of our Diocese who have contributed their time and talent to our diocesan parishes, organizations and institutions. You certainly have earned the Medal by the manner in which you have served the most vulnerable among us under such difficult circumstances.

You are free to invite as many guests as you would like for the event, and I would ask that you please inform and invite your pastoral care director and any other colleagues to attend. It is my hope that many will be present to show their appreciation and to thank you and your colleagues who serve in the pastoral care ministry.

I ask that you please contact Barbara Delmonico at Barbara.Delmonico@diobpt.org or (203) 416-1641 to let her know if you are able to attend.

Congratulations on this honor! I look forward to seeing you on March 19th at Saint Augustine Cathedral.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport