

**Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs
Diocese of Belleville**

March 21, 2023

Dear fellow CADEIO members,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus! I trust this letter finds you well as we look forward to our next gathering the first part of May in California.

At this time, as the CADEIO Awards coordinator, I am pleased to receive nominations for the prestigious Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers' **Fitzgerald Award**. This annual Award will be presented this year at the CADEIO General Assembly Meeting during the National Workshop for Christian Unity at Hilton Milwaukee City Center the week of May 8 to 11, 2023.

As you know, The Fitzgerald Award is given "...for outstanding contribution and service in the work of Christian unity (and interreligious cooperation) to either a person or an organization, honoring the national, international or regional impact of the recipient and his/her/their work...." All nominations AND all endorsements are to be made by full, dues-paid members of CADEIO. If your 2023 dues are not in order, or if they are in question, please contact Rick Caporali, CADEIO Treasurer (e-mail: rcaporali@stbernpar.org).

A nomination form is attached to this email. To allow time for the voting process by the CADEIO Board of Directors, please return your nominations to me by surface mail or e-mail, including all supporting materials and an endorsement by another full CADEIO member, **to arrive no later than Friday, April 7, 2023**. **Send to:**

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Carbondale, Illinois 62901-2709**

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Thank you for your participation in this award recognition process. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me **618.303.7412**. Once all the proper nominations have been received, the Board of Directors of CADEIO will vote on the candidates using a weighted vote. **(Please note that my email server has changed, so be sure to use the above new email address so that I receive your nomination).**

God's peace,

Bob

Fr. Bob Flannery
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