

St. Joseph Radio
Application for
Catholic Woman of the Year 2026
Heart of the Church
Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO

Please submit nomination application by **August 7, 2026**. Do not hesitate to call **636-447-6000** if you have questions.

Parishes may nominate one or more women from various organizations: Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary, St. Vincent DePaul, Legion of Mary, Pro-life group, etc. Individuals may nominate, also.

Candidates must be practicing Catholic laywomen in the Archdiocese of St. Louis who, as unpaid volunteers, contribute outstanding service to the Church and community in the humble, quiet spirit of Our Lady. An individual may be nominated every other year.



Please fill out the following application form and email the completed application form to **womanoftheyearstl@saintjosephradio.net** or mail to:

St. Joseph Radio
3827 McClay Road
St. Peters, MO 63376

Along with your application, please include a digital photo (jpeg format).

Forms may also be downloaded at **www.saintjosephradio.net**

The CWOY award dinner will be held on September 13, 2026.

A dinner reservation form is included as the last page of this nomination package.

The inspiration offered by the women nominated for “Catholic Woman of the Year” is truly a gift to all of us. We can only imagine the number of lives that have been touched through their generosity and faith filled contributions of time and talent for Almighty God and His Church.

Catholic Woman of the Year 2026

Dear Sponsor,

The Catholic identity of a woman being nominated for the Saint Joseph Radio Catholic Woman of the Year (CWOY) is critical to the honor. Therefore, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has requested that we receive assurance of her good standing with the Church, both on a personal level and a public level. This is to be done by answering the questions, below. The nominee's pastor's signature on this form will confirm her Catholic identity.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this aspect of the nomination process.

Sincerely in Christ,

Lu Cortese,
Executive Director St. Joseph Radio

Sponsor completes the brief questionnaire, below, and the first page of the application prior to Pastor's approval.

1. How long have you (sponsor) known this nominee? _____

2. Does she adhere to the faith and moral teachings of the Catholic Church? _____

3. If married, is her marriage valid according to the Church? _____

4. Additional Comments (optional):

Sponsor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Catholic Woman of the Year Application

Please Print or Type

Name (as you would like to see it on the award certificate)									
Street Address									
City						State		Zip Code	
Home phone						Cell Phone			
E-mail Address									
Parish								Member Since	
Marital Status			Name of Husband, if Applicable				Number of Children		
Name of Sponsoring Parish or Organization						Phone Number			
Sponsor's Name									
Sponsor's Address				City		State		Zip Code	
Sponsor's Email Address						Sponsor's Phone Number			
Signatures									
Nominee						Date			
Sponsor						Date			

(Please provide responses on separate pages)

To be completed by nominee:

1. Current services (Include names of organizations, clubs, activities, ministries, etc. and who benefit by your service, e.g., helping children, homeless, sick, etc.):

1.1 Identify your current service record and activities for church, community, family, etc.

1.2 List significant activities of the past five (5) years.

2. Service history beyond the past five (5) years (Include names of organizations, clubs, activities, ministries, etc. and who was affected by your service, e.g. helping children, homeless, sick, etc.):

2.1 Past activities, Church/Community/Faith

2.2 List significant activities of your life experiences.

3. General questions (We suggest filling out this part with your sponsor in an interview format. Tell us your story):

3.1 Tell us what drives you to volunteer for God.

3.2 Who and/or what helped to form your moral and spiritual outlook on life?

3.3 Who and/or what motivates you to do the work that you do and to be in service?

3.4 What do you think is the most important way to pass on the faith to lives that you touch?

3.5 How do you see yourself as being a Heart of the Church?

To be filled out by Sponsor

Provide the reasons why you are nominating this woman, including her unique qualities that make her a good Catholic Woman of the Year candidate. Include any additional church, family, and personal information that would help the judges understand the qualities and virtues of your nominee – characteristics that exemplify those of Our Lady: holy, humble, just, defender of the faith, faithful to God's will, etc. These inputs can be very helpful for our judges to learn about your nominee.

Dinner Reservations for Catholic Woman of the Year 2026

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac – 1335 South Lindbergh Blvd. – St. Louis, MO 63131

Join us Sunday September 13, 2026, 4-8 P.M., for the dinner honoring our Catholic Woman of the Year. Nominees. Please include family, friends, sponsor and others from your church and personal community for this wonderful, inspiring evening.

Name of Parish or Nominee: _____

Contact person's name (to coordinate arrangements): _____

Contact person's phone number or email address: _____

Identify Friends and Guests Attending. Use separate sheet(s) for additional names, if needed.

Print names and phone numbers, **including nominee**. Mark: "V" for vegetarian; "G" for gluten free.

No changes in these meal selections can be made the night of the dinner

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____
5	_____
6	_____
7	_____
8	_____
9	_____
10	_____

We cannot guarantee any meals being served after 6:30 PM.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ tickets at \$100.00 per person. (**Nominee's dinner is complimentary**)

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ youth (age 12 and under, child friendly meal) at \$40.00 per person.

Enclosed is \$ _____ donation to help support St. Joseph Radio (**Thank You!!**).

Pay by check, check no. _____, **made payable to St. Joseph Radio**, or pay by credit card

(circle which card type): VISA Master Card Discover American Express, or make reservation(s)

and pay from our website, www.saintjosephradio.net.

Card number	Expiration date	CVV Code
Print name as shown on card		Billing Zip Code

Do not email credit card information.

Dinner reservations with payment are due no later than September 5, 2026.

Mail this form with payment to:

St. Joseph Radio – 3827 McClay Road - St. Peters, MO 63376.

For additional information, please visit www.saintjosephradio.net or call 636-447-6000.