

# Catholic Man of the Year 2026

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**SJEN-St. Joseph Catholic Radio**  
**Diocese of Orange, CA**  
**Cursillo of Orange County**

Please submit the Catholic Man of the Year (CMOY) application  
by October 30, 2026.

Do not hesitate to call 636-447-6000 if you have any  
questions.

Parishes may nominate one or more men from  
various organizations: Knights of Columbus, Legion  
of Mary, St. Vincent DePaul, etc. Individuals may  
also submit nominations.

Candidates must be practicing Catholics in the  
Diocese of Orange, CA who, as unpaid volunteers,  
contribute outstanding service to the Church and  
community in the humble, quiet spirit of St. Joseph.  
An individual may be nominated every other year.



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

Susan Gutierrez 7962 Poinsettia Dr. Buena Park, CA 90620.

Along with your application, please include a photo (print or jpeg format if emailed).

Forms may also be downloaded at: [www.saintjosephradio.net](http://www.saintjosephradio.net)

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**The CMOY award dinner will be held on December 6, 2026.**

A dinner reservation form is included as the last page of this nomination package  
and may be submitted separately from the application.

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***The inspiration offered by those nominated for “Catholic Man 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 Man of the Year 2026*

Dear Sponsor,

The Catholic identity of a man being nominated for the SJEN-Saint Joseph Radio Catholic Man of the Year (CMOY) is critical to the honor. Therefore, we require assurance of his 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 his Catholic identity.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Lu Cortese,  
Executive Director  
SJEN-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 known this nominee? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does he adhere to the faith and moral teachings of the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_
3. If married, is his marriage valid according to the Church? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you know any reason why this nominee would not represent a good example of a "Catholic Man of the Year" (only check "yes" or "no" to respect privacy): **O-yes or O-no.**
5. Additional Comments (optional):  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# *Catholic Man of the Year Application*

<b>Please Print or Type</b>											
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 Wife, 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: E-Mail Address						Phone Number(s)					
<b>Signatures</b>											
Nominee						Date					
Sponsor						Date					
<b>Nominee's pastor must sign the preceding form for submittal with this application.</b>											

*Diocese of Orange, CA*

(Please provide responses on separate sheets)

## **To Be Completed By Nominee:**

**1. Current Services:** Include names of organizations, clubs, activities, ministries, etc. and who is affected by your service, such as 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 prior to 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--**Tell us your story. We suggest filling out this part with your sponsor in an interview format.

3.1 Tell us what drives you to volunteer for God..

3.2 What and/or who helped to form your moral and spiritual outlook on life?

3.3 What and/or who 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 future generations?

## **To be filled out by Sponsor**

Provide the reasons why you are nominating this man, including his unique qualities that make him a good Catholic Man 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 St. Joseph: hard worker, protector, holy, just, defender of the faith, etc. These inputs can be very helpful for our judges to learn about your nominee.

Please email a photograph or headshot of nominee with the completed application.

**Location of the award dinner will be:**

**Majestic Garden Hotel 900 S. Disneyland Dr. Anaheim, CA 92802**

(Entrance on Ball Road)

*Join us Sunday December 6, 2026, 4:30-8:00 P.M., for the dinner honoring our Catholic Men 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:			
<b>Identify Friends and Guests Attending. Use separate sheet(s) for additional names, if needed.</b>			
Print names and phone numbers, <b>including nominee</b> . Mark: "V" for vegetarian; "G" for gluten free.			
<b>No changes in these meal selections can be made the night of the dinner</b>			
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<b>We cannot guarantee any meals being served after 6:30 PM.</b>			
Enclosed is \$ _____ for ___ tickets at \$100.00 per person. (Nominee's dinner is complimentary).			
Enclosed is \$ _____ for ___ youth (age 12 and under) tickets at \$50.00 per person.			
Enclosed is \$ _____ donation to help support SJEN-St. Joseph Radio (Thank You!!).			
Pay by check, check no. _____, <b>made payable to SJEN-St. Joseph Radio</b> , or pay by credit card			
(circle which card type): VISA    MasterCard    Discover    American Express, or make reservation(s)			
and pay from our website, <a href="http://www.saintjosephradio.net">www.saintjosephradio.net</a> .			
Card number		Expiration date	CVV Code
Print name as shown on card			
Postal address		City, State, Zip Code	
Email address			
Signature			Date
<b>(Do not E-mail credit card information.)</b>			

**Please submit the completed Nominee Application no later than October 30, 2026 and this Dinner Reservation form and payment no later than November 25, 2026 to:**

Susan Gutierrez 7962 Poinsettia Dr. Buena Park, CA 90620

For additional information, please visit [www.saintjosephradio.net](http://www.saintjosephradio.net) or call 636-447-6000.