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# SAINT CAMILLUS CENTER 2025 AWARDS



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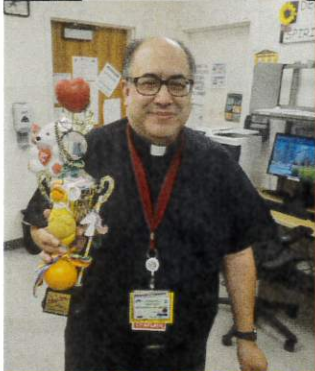
chaplains distribute ashes to more than

**1187** individuals on  
Ash Wednesday

confer over **1546** sacraments

and support hospital clinicians and staff with

more than **1001** visits.





# THE SAINT CAMILLUS CENTER AWARDS

## PROGRAM

### Registration and Start of Silent Auction

Musical Presentation	Dennis Doyle, Austin Doyle
Welcome	Nelson Villaluz <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
Start of Silent Auction	Irene Recendez <i>Chair, Saint Camillus Parish Council</i>
Blessing Invocation	Bishop Brian Nunez San Gabriel Regional Bishop
Certificate of Appreciation	Fr. Chris Ponnet <i>Chaplain, Pastor, Saint Camillus Center</i>

### Salad Course and Main Course

### Impact Report on Saint Camillus Center

### St Camillus Center Awards presentation

### Dessert Course

### Live Auction, Close of Silent Auction

### Closing Benediction

Deacon Serio Perez, SG Region

### Thanks & End of Luncheon

### Sunday Mass

Bishop Brian Nunez  
San Gabriel Regional Bishop

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# THE SAINT CAMILLUS CENTER AWARDS

## 2025 HONOREES

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH**

**THE SAINT CAMILLUS AWARD**

for Financial and Volunteer Support

**MATT LAPLANTE, DO**

**THE FATHER ROBERT JONES AWARD**

for Chaplaincy Support

**STEFAN TIMMERMANS  
&  
PAMELA PRICKETT**

**THE JOHN AUGUST SWANSON AWARD**

for Outreach Ministry

**NANCY BLAKE, PHD, RN**

**THE GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD**

for Partnership in our Vision and Mission

**FABIAN DEBORA**

**THE MARY BREEN PONNET AWARD**

for Direct Services

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**  
**DEACON SERGIO PEREZ**

*The* Saint Camillus Center Awards are presented to individuals and groups for their outstanding service and dedication to the communities served by Saint Camillus Center for Spiritual Care and its ministries. In their professional work and volunteer work, they share in the mission and vision of Saint Camillus Center to “accompany people with hope.”



## FATHER ROBERT JONES AWARD

Originally called the Deacon James Dillon Award, this award is given to a person or group who shares the Saint Camillus Center's commitment to spiritual care of patients in our hospitals but also in various urban settings. Deacon Jim died in 2007 after having served our patients for many years. Fr. Bob Jones, CM died in 2020 after serving as chaplain for over 21 years. He mentored many of our chaplain trainees and he was much loved by medical staff and patients as well as by his fellow chaplains.

## JOHN AUGUST SWANSON AWARD

This award was originally called the Msgr. William Barry Award after a well-loved priest who passed away in 2007. He was a messenger for outreach, interfaith and inclusive ministry since Vatican II.

John August Swanson was a world renowned artist and a friend and supporter of Saint Camillus Center for many decades. His art reflected the strong heritage of storytelling he inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. Swanson's narrative was direct and easily understood. He addressed human values, cultural roots, and the quest for self-discovery through visual images. His parables optimistically embrace life and spiritual transformation.

A number of John's serigraphs grace the walls of Saint Camillus Chapel. The John August Swanson award is given to a person or group that serves with joy, moving us from charity for one person at a time, to social justice solidarity and action.

## MARY LOUIS BREEN PONNET AWARD

This award honors Fr. Chris Ponnet's mother who was a Registered Nurse all of her professional life providing direct service care to patients at Queen of Angels, LAC+USC and Alhambra Community hospitals. A widowed mother of eight children, Mary Ponnet, and her daughter Jeanne Yugar, RN, remain an inspiration to Fr. Chris Ponnet. We honor all who work at the bedside and provide direct care for the persons we serve.

## SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS AWARD

*"The poor and the sick are the heart of God. In serving them we serve Jesus the Lord."*

Camillus was born at Bacchianico, Naples, 1550; died at Rome, 14 July, 1614. The son of an officer who had served both in the Neapolitan and French armies, his mother died when he was a child, and he grew up absolutely neglected. While in the service he became a gambler and was at times reduced to a condition of destitution. In Rome, he obtained employment in the Hospital for Incurables after going there chiefly for the hope of a cure of abscesses in both his feet from which he had been long suffering. He entered the hospital in which he had previously been and he was eventually appointed director of the hospital. On the advice of his friends, among whom was his spiritual guide,

St. Philip Neri, he determined to become a priest.

He established his order, the Fathers of a Good Death (1584), and bound the members by vow to devote themselves to the plague-stricken; their work was not restricted to the hospitals, but included the care of the sick in their homes. In 1591 Gregory XIV erected the congregation into a religious order, with all the privileges of the mendicants. Near death, he would permit no one to wait on him,

and when scarcely able to stand would crawl out of his bed to visit the sick.

He was beatified in 1742, and in 1746 was canonized by Benedict XIV. In 1930, Pope Pius XI named St. Camillus de Lellis, together with St. John of God, "principal Co-Patrons of nurses and of nurses' associations."

## GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD

This award is inspired by the sacred story from the Gospel of Luke 10:25-37 where Jesus tells us "who is our neighbor." The award honors a person or group whose partnership in Saint Camillus Center's Vision and Mission recognizes the larger and diverse communities that Saint Camillus Center strives to serve.





# OUR PRIOR HONOREES

## **Saint Camillus Award**

Mary Lu Coughlin, Bishop Gabino Zavala; Charles Norman Nursery; Nancy Hogan-Baur; UniHealth Foundation; LAC USC HealthCare Network; Mary & Chris Caenepeel; Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet; Von Der Ahe Family Trust; Allen Kimbal; Corpus Christi Parish; Irene Recendez; Together in Mission ACC; Catholic Cemeteries of Los Angeles

## **Father Robert Jones / Deacon James Dillon Award**

Bob Hurd and Trevor Thomson Sr Anita Lapeyre, RSCJ; Fr Bob Jones, CM; Ann Mills; Palliative Care Team LAC+USC; Dr Jeff Johnson; LAC Pediatric Team; LAC Social Workers; LAC Department of Emergency Medicine; Dr. Kathryn Challoner; Univision; Julio Cesar Ortiz; Sr Angela Hallahan, CHF; Street Symphony; Cecil Clark; Bobbie Bayer RIP; John Pappa; Doreen Rivera, RN

## **John August Swanson / Msgr William Barry Award**

Father James Martin, SJ Chaplain Luis Manuel Torres; Chaplain Janne Shirley; Wells Fargo Bank; Mike Farrell; Rev. George Regas; ICUJP; Office of Restorative Justice; St Matthews Comunidad; Leavey Foundation; Dr Eba Hathout; Frank Galvan; AIDS Ministry; San Bernardino Diocese; Mary Romero; Archbishop Jose Gomez; Msgr Lloyd Torgerson; Msgr Clement Connolly

## **Good Samaritan Award**

Chandra Heyman, John August Swanson; Stefano Riboli; Supervisor Hilda Solis; Ignatians West Shelter Partnership; Dr Susan McKenna, Pediatric Medical Team LAC+USC  
Code Black, Dr Ryan McGarry; Sr Edith Prendergast, RSC; Sr Angela Pacheco, CSJ  
Rev Brenda Simond; Sr Mary Jean Ferry, BVM; Fr Greg Boyle, SJ;  
Haiti Medical Mission, Holy Family Church South Pasadena; Jane and Phillip Argento;  
The Most Reverend David G. O'Connell RIP

## **Mary Louise Breen Ponnet Award**

Jackie Carter RN, Mary & Chris Caenepeel; Linda & Stan Brown; Rev. Rambhoru Brinkman; Rev. Blake Arnall; Hugh Menton; Estrelita Arbeloa; Celeste Flores Baez; Rev Nancy Moore

## **Certificates of Recognition**

Ethan Miguel Santiago Sr Silvia Diaz; Sr Martha Vega, SSS; Ernesto Hernandez; Fran Ruth; Gino Yambao Jose Arroyo; Rev Estuardo Bazini-Barakat; Jean & Hugh Menton;  
Rev Sarkis Karaminassian; Rev Jeff Bassett; Rev Rez McDaniels; Incarnation Parish;  
Maria Villasenor; Sr Theresa Han, OSF; Deacon Gus Sebenius; Rev Rambhoru Brinkmann;  
Jim Drollinger Family Fund; CADP Proposition 62; Anna Hjorth; Heather Preimsberger;  
Sylvia Ramos; Ron Sorenson; Arely Deras; Manuel Torres

**WE ARE HUMBLLED BY YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.**



## *St. Camillus Center Awards Luncheon 2025*

Catholic Cemeteries & Mortuaries honors the following award recipients for their dedicated contributions to the faithful

**Corpus Christi Parish, Pacific Palisades**  
– *St. Camillus Award*

**Stefan Timmermans & Pamela Prickett**  
– *John August Swanson Award*

**Matt LaPlante, M.D.**  
– *Fr. Bob Jones CM Award*

**Nancy Blake, Ph.D.**  
– *Good Samaritan Award*

**Fabian Debora**  
– *Mary Louise Breen Ponnet Award*



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embracing gift you are to those to whom you so  
lovingly minister.



# Ardor of the Heart

"In your most childlike hour, your heart does not deceive you."  
-James Finley

Gratitude flows to our remarkable recipients and all those assembled in this sacred space. United, we weave a tapestry of peace for the world.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
THE HONOREES**

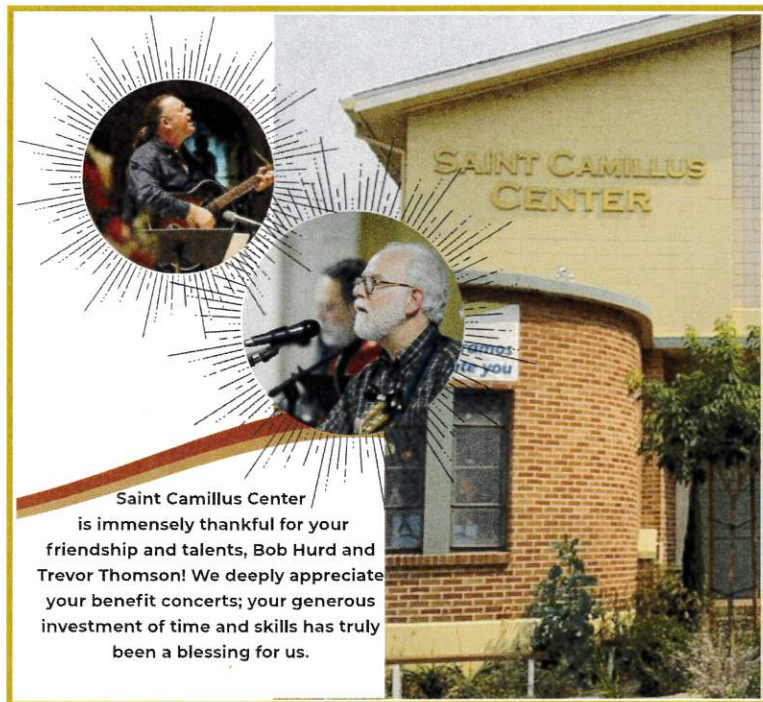


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***Congratulations  
to the wonderful honorees!***

***Thank you,  
St. Camillus community,  
for the service and care  
you offer.***





Paid Name listings 2025

In Memory of Pope Francis

Lenore Dowling

Pax Christi USA

Alejandra Aguilar



Congratulations to the Honorees!

The partnership between Angel Interfaith Network and the Saint Camillus Center for Spiritual Care exemplifies a shared dedication to community service and support. Both organizations bring unique strengths and resources to the table, enhancing their collective impact on those they serve.

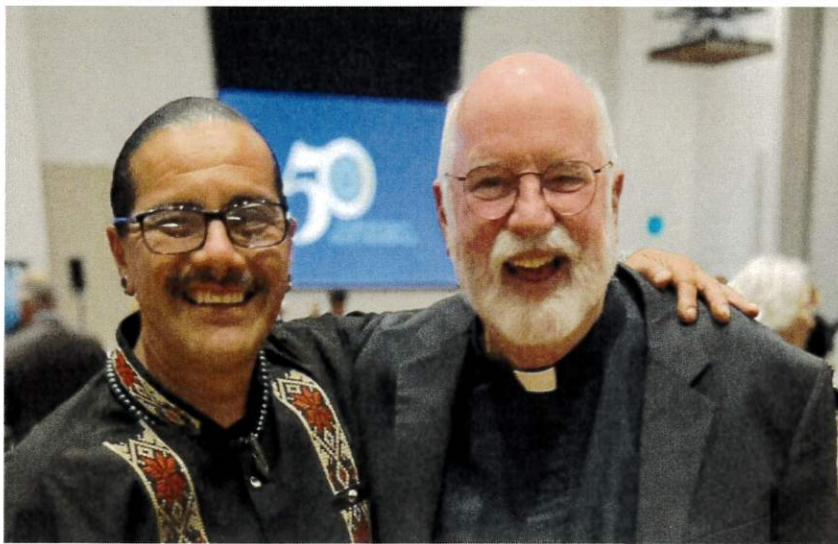
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## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Office of Planned Giving of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles supports the Saint Camillus Center for Spiritual Care and congratulates the Saint Camillus Center Annual Award recipients.







Homeboy Industries extends  
heartfelt congratulations to

Fabian Debora

For his unwavering dedication to our  
community.

Cheers to all the esteemed  
honorees!



A mural titled "The Power of the Woman," by Fabian Debora.

Credit: Courtesy of Fabian Debora



**"Sometimes, I speak of the Church as if it were a field hospital. It's true: there are many many wounded. So many people need their wounds healed. This is the mission of the Church: to heal the wounds of the heart, to open doors, to free people, to say that God is good. God forgives all. God is the Father, God is affectionate. God always waits for us."**

**Pope Francis**

St. Camillus Chaplains and team  
honor the witness of Pope Francis and now his Resurrection  
Easter Monday 2025



# THE JORDAN FAMILY

Nick Jordan

Bill Jordan & Nancy Brennan Jordan

George Jordan & Agustin Rodriguez

Carmen Jordan Lonergan & Joe Lonergan

## CONGRATULATE

The

ST. CAMILLUS CENTER

2025 HONOREES

Corpus Christi Church

Matt LaPlante, DO

Nancy Blake, PHD, RN

Stefan Timmermans & Pamela Prickett

Fabian Debora





**Congrats to those being honored, and a huge thank you  
to Fr. Chris and the whole St. Camillus Center.**

**When our co-foundress Dorothy Day recognized that “the only solution is  
love,” she saw the sacred work you do as an integral part of that love.**

**Your witness of faith and your contribution to the world where every life is  
given the dignity it deserves gives all of us a model to strive for.**



St. Camillus extends our heartfelt gratitude  
to the Riboli Family and the staff at San  
Antonio Winery and Maddalena Restaurant  
for their unwavering support and warm  
hospitality in hosting our events over the  
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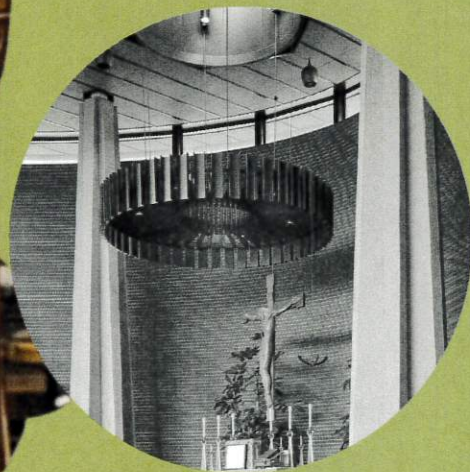
# Corpus Christi Church

*Pacific Palisades, California*

We are known for our compassion and gratitude, and in times like these, our strength shines through. Let's support one another and find solace in our shared faith and trust in God's plan. With divine guidance, we will rebuild and emerge stronger than before. Through trials and tribulations, we find ourselves drawn closer together. Intimately understand the strength of unity, and with this togetherness, we stand resolute.

Today, we honor those who have gone above and beyond, serving as beacons of hope and resilience. We celebrate the spirit of community that they embody. Their actions inspire us to reach out, lend a hand, and lift each other up. Their dedication to making the world a better place encourages us all to do our part in creating a future filled with hope and promise. Let their stories be a reminder that, together, we can overcome any obstacle and continue to build a brighter, more compassionate world for generations to come.

**Congrats to all the St. Camillus Honorees!**



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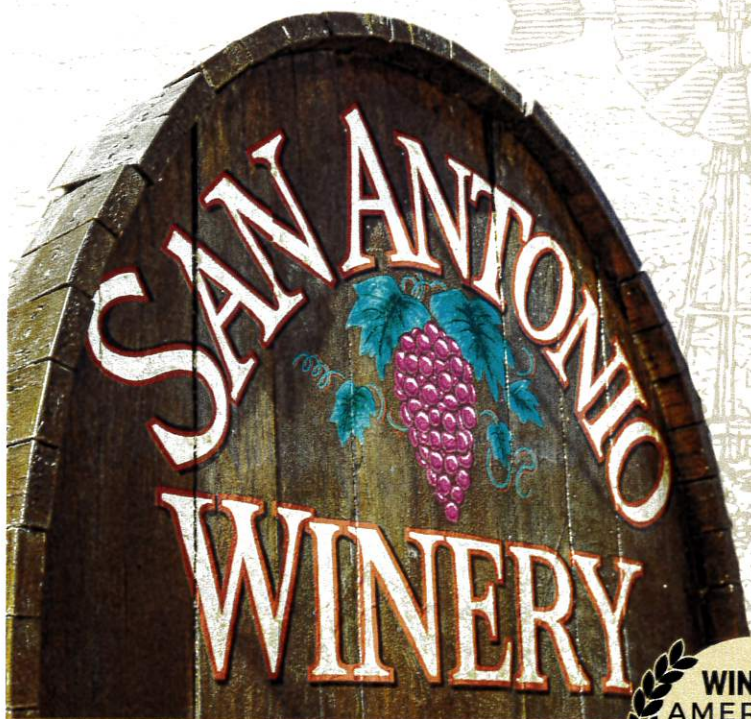


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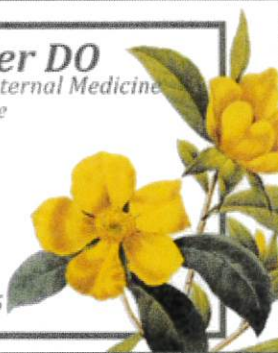


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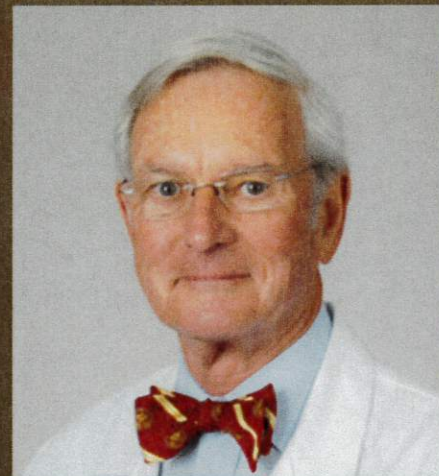
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Jorge Mario Bergoglio*

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Southern California Fire victims  
Fr John Raab CMF  
Carol Clark  
Lucille Martin  
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*Dr. Phillip Lumb, USC  
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Msgr. Clement J. Connolly  
acknowledges the important work of the Saint Camillus  
Center and praises all the honorees for their dedication and  
service to the individuals supported by the center.

“Only the law can constitute the  
indispensable prerequisite for the  
exercise of any power, and this means that the  
responsible government bodies must ensure  
respect for the rule of law, regardless of the  
dominant political interests.”

POPE FRANCIS



*Celebrating Saint Camillus Center  
and the 2025 Saint Camillus Honorees!*

*THE YAMBAO FAMILY*

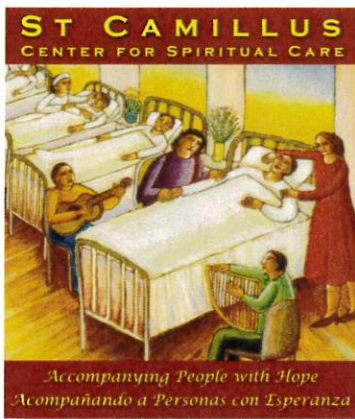
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with love,

Chaplain Tamara



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