

## Assumption College for Sisters bestows honors at the

### Annual Caring Basket Gala

The 2022 Honorees have been chosen in recognition of their service and leadership as espoused by Assumption College for Sisters (ACS).

#### Education Award: Rev. Paul Manning



Receiving the **Education Award** is **Rev. Paul Manning**, a priest of the Diocese of Paterson, NJ. Ordained in 1985, Fr. Manning was appointed Vicar for Evangelization and Executive Director of St. Paul Inside the Walls by Bishop Serratelli in June of 2012. His vocation was nurtured, as the eighth of ten children, in the faithful home of his large family, and was discovered while studying wildlife management at Virginia Tech. After completing undergraduate studies in philosophy, he earned an S.T.B. and M.Div. at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. His assignments since then have included ministry as a parochial vicar and pastor. As diocesan vocation director for ten years, he worked with men and women in discernment and formation. He served in the field of education for nineteen years as chaplain, theology teacher, president of Morris Catholic High School, and Vicar for Education

## Family Life Award: BJ & Jeannine Agugliaro



Accepting the **Family Life Award** are **BJ & Jeannine Agugliaro** of Basking Ridge, NJ.

BJ and Jeannine Agugliaro, recognize Christian marriage as the cornerstone of family life. By their example as active and engaged Catholics, they strive to instill the Gospel values of prayer, faithfulness, and service to others in the lives of their children Katherine, Christopher, Gabrielle, and Mary. BJ and Jeannine are both committed to various religious and secular non-profit endeavors. One such endeavor is the Inspire Family Life Center, Warren, NJ, whose mission is to advance and defend all human life, born and unborn, by inspiring and empowering women and families to cherish LIFE by offering resources to encourage personal growth, family development, faith, and prosperity. Additionally, the Agugliaros participate in Wine and Wisdom whose members support one another in fostering strong, enduring, faith-filled marriages. BJ serves as the Chair of the Saint James School Advisory Council, Basking Ridge, NJ. He also is a member and past president of the Lumen Institute, former Board member and Finance Committee Chairman of the Somerset County YMCA and a Board member of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. Jeannine, a nurse by profession, is actively engaged in *Challenge*, a club for Catholic girls focused on helping members develop apostolic hearts to grow in virtue, friendship, and faith to prepare them to function as Christian role models to peers and others. Jeannine also participates in *Walking with Purpose* women's ministry and has engaged in mission work in Haiti.



## Servant Leader Award: Joseph & Rita Gonnella



The **Servant Leader** Award will be accepted by **Joseph & Rita Gonnella** who have supported one another in non-profit work throughout their marriage of 30 years. Rita and Joe recently celebrated the marriage of daughter, Michelle, to Michael Pavlo. The Gonnellas demonstrate through generosity of time and talent the hallmarks of a servant and a leader. Rita has been involved with the work of the Susan G. Komen organization which focuses on patient navigation and advocacy, providing resources for breast cancer patients to understand the American medical system and funding research into the causes and treatment of breast cancer. Joseph is currently the Chief Development Officer at Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council. For over 33 years, Joseph has advanced the mission of the Boy Scouts in preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Joseph and Rita support the work of the Tri-County Scholarship fund in support of Catholic education, with Joe serving as a Trustee. Joseph was active with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), to assist abused and neglected children. The Gonnellas have supported the Greater Newark Conservancy which fosters collaboration in the community at the intersection of environmental, food, and racial justice to promote the health and well-being of Newark residents, working to reverse the long history of systemic racism to improve social determinants of health by expanding access to green spaces, nutritious food, wellness education, and youth development. Additionally, Joseph currently serves on the Board of the American Cancer Society.