



Saint John the Beloved Council 11796

2018 Family of the Year Award

Bruce & Judy Aungst

It is with great pleasure as Grand Knight, and with the concurrence of our selection committee, to have the honor of bestowing our 2018 Family of the Year Award on a very special family, the family of Bruce & Judy Aungst. You have all seen their many good works, and it goes without saying how they truly deserve this honor.

Bruce & Judy have been happily married for 38 years and have raised a wonderful family of 4 sons and 2 daughters; Matthew, Colleen, Chris, Keenan, Mariette & Nelson. Bruce & Judy met at the University of Buffalo, where they were both working hard at their studies. Bruce was focused on Analytical Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Judy on Medicinal Pharmaceutical Chemistry. Then one day at the start of a semester, in the dead of winter in Buffalo, after Judy first saw Bruce in one of her classes, they ran into each other outside in the freezing wind swept snow. Though it was very cold, neither noticed, as the sudden warmth from their hearts overwhelmed their senses. There was a perfect chemistry between them. Yes, the chemistry was just right, and the rest is history. Do I have this story correct, Bruce & Judy?

The Lady of this lovely couple supports and leads in so many areas of our church. She is a member of The Legion of Mary, leads our annual Mother's Day Rose sales which supports Delaware Right to Life, leads our annual October Baby Bottle coin donation campaign which also supports Delaware Right to Life, and, with Bruce, are our Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Couple and, also our Knights of Columbus Domestic Church Couple. On numerous occasions Judy has organized parish retreats and trips to holy sites.

The Third Degree Brother Knight of this lovely couple also supports and leads in so many areas of our Church and Council. He joined the Knights of Columbus in the summer of last year and has taken on so much for us. Bruce serves as an Officer of our Council as Inside Guard, is our Pro-Life Director, and as well with Judy are our Pro-Life Couple and Domestic Church Couple. He directs our Rose for Life program, makes sure the crosses are setup for the Respect Life month of October, and he runs our Souper Bowl Sunday Food drive. Bruce participates on our UofD car parking and our Parish Carnival car parking teams. Outside of our council, Bruce is a member of our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, volunteers at the VA Hospital in Wilmington, is on the Parish Offertory Counting team, and is a key member of the RCIA program. Bruce received the Shining Armor Award from our Council for all that he did in his first year as a Knight of Columbus.

What more can I say about this amazing couple. With great esteem, respect and admiration, I present to you the 2018 Saint John the Beloved Council Family of the Year, Bruce & Judy Aungst and Family.

Presented on this 2nd day of December 2018

Joseph E. Koskol
Grand Knight