

BISHOP JAMES AUGUSTINE HEALY AWARD

Bishop James Augustine Healy Brief Biography

1835 - 1900 James Augustine Healy served as the first chancellor of the Diocese of Boston. In 1875, he became the first Black Catholic Bishop in the United States of America and the second Ordinary of the Diocese of Portland.

Bishop James Augustine Healy Award Criteria:

The James Augustine Healy Award is given to a practicing black Catholic who:

- Has actively shared the good news of the Gospel by providing strong effective leadership and significant service within the Black Catholic community
- Has fostered educational and mentorship opportunities
- Has been a witness of strong personal faith in Christ and compassion towards others
- Has an intense interest in encouraging a healthy Black Catholic identity and lives a life that exemplifies the meaning of the church universal.
- Is concerned about and understands the social teachings of the Church.

**BISHOP JAMES A. HEALY AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Phone: _____

Nominator E-Mail: _____

Nominator Parish: _____

Full name of person you are nominating: _____

Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee E-Mail: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Nominee City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominee Parish: _____

Nominee Parish City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

1. How long have you known the nominee?

2. How do you know the nominee?

3. How has this person actively shared the good news of the Gospel and provided strong effective leadership and significant service within the Black Catholic community?

4. How has this person fostered educational and mentorship opportunities?

5. How has this person been a witness of strong personal faith in Christ and compassion towards others?

6. Please explain how this person encourages a healthy Black Catholic identity and lives a life that exemplifies the meaning of the church universal?

7. How has this person demonstrated concern and understanding of the social teachings of the Church?

Pastor Signature: _____

Please email this nomination form to healydinner@rcab.org by Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Thank you!

ROBERT LEO RUFFIN AWARD

Brief Bio: *C. 1857 – 1934, Robert Leo Ruffin, a prominent Black Catholic from Boston, was one of the main supporters of the first Black Catholic Congress held in Washington, D. C. in 1889. Mr. Ruffin led the Boston delegation to this Congress and was the spokesman at their historic meeting with President Grover Cleveland at the White House. As a dedicated Black Catholic, Robert Leo Ruffin exemplified the participation of Black laity in the Catholic Church which continues to this day.*

Robert Leo Ruffin Award Criteria

The Robert Leo Ruffin Award is presented to a practicing Catholic who:

- Has offered selfless sacrifice, creative vision and significant service in building up the faith within the Black Catholic community
- Has fostered educational and mentorship opportunities
- Has demonstrated strong personal faith in Christ and compassion towards others.
- Has lived out an active concern for the unity of the Church.

ROBERT L. RUFFIN AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Phone: _____

Nominator E-Mail: _____

Nominator Parish: _____

Full name of person you are nominating: _____

Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee E-Mail: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Nominee City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominee Parish: _____

Nominee Parish City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

1. How long have you known the nominee?

2. How do you know the nominee?

3. How has this person shown creative vision and significant service to the Black Catholic community?

4. How has this person fostered educational and mentorship opportunities and demonstrated strong personal faith in Christ and compassion towards others?

5. How has this person demonstrated an active concern for the unity of the Church?

Pastor Signature: _____

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