



Joe and Margaret Dougherty
2016 Sisters of IHM Spirit Award Recipients

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Joe and Margaret Dougherty are the recipients of the 2016 Sisters of IHM Spirit Award. During their formative years, Joe, Margaret, and their twelve children were guided by the IHM sisters: Joe through grade and high school at St. Paul's School, Margaret in religious education classes; and all 12 of their children attended Catholic grade school staffed by the IHMs.



Throughout their lives, Joe and Margaret have been dedicated to showing compassion for others, a value they first learned from their parents and which was reinforced by the IHM sisters.

For generations, Joe and his family served the Scranton community through their family-owned business. For more than 110 years, workers and their families, IHM sisters, and priests alike frequented their small dry goods store that later became Dougherty's Restaurant which Joe and Margaret managed from 1980 to 2014.

Through the years, so many have benefited from their hard work and faith-filled compassion for others which they passed on to their children. Embracing strong lifelong Catholic values, Joe and Margaret are faith-filled models of the IHM spirit.

Recognizing his service to the community, Joe was chosen as honorary grand marshal of the 2015 Annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Scranton, PA. His brother, Most Reverend John M. Dougherty, now serves as Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Diocese of Scranton.

Married for nearly 60 years, Joe and Margaret embody the IHM spirit in their dedication and commitment to their family, their faith, and their community. The IHM Congregation is pleased to present Joe and Margaret Dougherty with the 2016 Sisters of IHM Spirit Award.

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