**Nominations for Catholic Man of the Year 2024**

# Award Ceremony Details

The Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club (CMLC) is accepting nominations for the Columbus Diocese 2024 Catholic Man of the Year. The winner will receive the award at **Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Avenue**, on **Friday, February 2, 2024** during the CMLC luncheon which immediately follows the 11:45 a.m. Mass.

# About the Award

This award has a long tradition in the Diocese of Columbus. Nominees must be laymen who, through their daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplify the “good and faithful servant.” The recipient of the award will share his personal testimony during the award ceremony which is then shared throughout the diocese through the *Catholic Times* and *St. Gabriel Catholic Radio*.

# Selection Process

The process for selecting Catholic Man of the Year is challenging, because while each nominee is worthy, the Committee can only select one from those nominated. The Selection Committee consists of two men from these groups: Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Men's Ministry, Young Catholic Professionals, the Serra Club and a diocesan priest. After careful consideration of all nominations, the Committee makes a recommendation to the Bishop. Last year’s honoree was Dr. Eric Yang from St. Peter Parish.

# Nomination Form – Due by December 31, 2023

Please nominate men in the diocese whom you believe would serve as an inspiration and would strengthen all Catholic men to continue living their vocation of holiness. Use the nomination form found at [www.catholicmensministry.com/catholic-man-of-the-year](file:///C:\Users\frank\Dropbox\CMLC%20(1)\Catholic%20Man%20of%20the%20Year\CMOY%202023\www.catholicmensministry.com\catholic-man-of-the-year) Please note: Posthumous nominations will not be accepted. Prior-year nominees may be submitted.

# Requested Nominee Information

Include the following information in the Nomination Form from the website. (1) List and describe specific qualities of the nominee, specifying spirituality and the ways he exemplifies Christ in his home, parish, and the community. Make your remarks as descriptive as possible; using a maximum of 500 words, (it is more important *what* you write than *how much* you write). (2) A brief biographical sketch of the nominee. (3) A list of the nominee’s group involvements, including parish activities, family life and community service. (4) You may attach **up to three** written witness testimonials (letters or remarks) from others who know the nominee and can testify to his qualifications, attesting to the nominee’s love of God and of others, as shown through his service, including examples of how the nominee lives the Catholic faith. Please consider including a letter from the nominee’s pastor.

## The Luncheon

All nominees are invited to the award ceremony and luncheon as guests of the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club.

## Questions

You may direct further questions regarding the nomination or selection process to **Tim Merkle** at (614) 839-5700 or **catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com**.