



2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

The true measure of the Academy's greatness can be found in the achievements and wellbeing of its alumni. A vast number of whom have gained unique distinction through success in their professions, contribution to their communities and service to the Academy.

For this reason, Lacordaire Academy has established the Distinguished Alumna/us of the Year Award in recognition of outstanding graduates to celebrate their achievements and honor their legacy of excellence.

LOUISE SNIDER DUNN '60

Louise Snider Dunn attended the Academy's Upper School for four years, graduating in 1960. She worked on Checkerboard for her four years, serving as Editor in her senior year. At Lacordaire Louise developed a strong sense of vocation that one's life was meant to be lived in service to God and others; and, she cherished the sense of community and close friendships she made.

Louise went on to graduate *magna cum laude* in 1964 from Trinity College in Washington, DC. She attended Boston College's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry graduating with an MA in Theology in 1984. She concentrated in Pastoral Care and did her internship as a chaplain. She also received a postgraduate Advanced Certificate in Theology with a concentration in Spirituality from Weston Jesuit School of Theology. Certified as a Catholic Hospital Chaplain by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, Louise was the first layperson in New England to be so certified. In 1994, she was appointed Director of Health Care Ministry by the Cardinal for the Archdiocese of Boston and held the position until 2002.

Louise is semi-retired, but does spiritual formation work, serves as a nursing home chaplain for a local parish and teaches pastoral care courses to the diaconate candidates and the laity for the Archdiocese. For the past 2 years she has taught a Historical Jesus course at Regis College's Retirement College and is now teaching a fall semester course entitled "Early Christianity".

Louise became engaged to Raymond Dunn in her senior year at Trinity College. He was graduating from Georgetown and had an ROTC commitment. They spent two and one half years with the Army in Texas, South Korea and Virginia and an additional two years in Michigan. In 1969 they moved to Massachusetts where they currently reside.

Louise was a stay-at-home mother for many years for her three sons and a daughter. She volunteered for many community organizations and for her parish including the Vietnam Refugee Resettlement Committee for which she had two sets of Boat People brothers residing in her home. She is very proud of her children who are all involved in service related work and of her husband who was a health care executive. When he sold his company, he shared the profits with his employees and also established a family foundation. Currently, Louise and her husband are actively involved with their family foundation.