

# Metro J. Baran Achievement Award

Award presented

For outstanding service with the Youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

The award was instituted to honor the memory of **Metro (Jimmie) Baran** for his many years of dedicated service and efforts in working with the Juniors of the Ukrainian Orthodox League. Mr. Baran organized the Junior UOL and served on the National Executive Board as Regional Chairman, Vice-President, and Junior League Chairman. The purpose of the award is to recognize, with honor, a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA who has done truly outstanding work with the youth; directing, counseling, training, or educating the Junior members of the Ukrainian of the Church; preparing the youth as future church leaders.

Year	Recipient	Parish	Location
1969	Rudy Pinotich	St. Vladimir's	Ambride
1970	V. Rev. Martin Telenson	St. Michael's	Jeannette
1971	V. Rev. Frank Lawryk	St. John's	Johnson City
1972	Pani Matka Lawryk	St. John's	Johnson City
1978	V. Rev William Diakiw	Sts. Peter & Paul	Lyndora
1980	Stephen Kapeluck	Sts. Peter & Paul	Carnegie
1981	Bohdan Hryshchyshyn	Sts. Peter & Paul	Carnegie
1982	Archbishop Constantine		
1984	David Markiw	Sts. Peter & Paul	Lyndora
1987	Cynthia Haluszczak	Sts. Peter & Paul	Carnegie
1988	Gayle Woloschak	Sts. Peter & Paul	Palos Park
1990	All Saints Camp		
1994	Daria Pishko	St. Mary's	New Britain
1995	Yvonne Mark	Sts. Peter & Paul	Youngstown
2001	Michael Fesnak	St. Vladimir's	Philadelphia
2002	Janiet Milton	Sts. Peter & Paul	Palos Park
2003	Alexis Sawchuk	Sts. Peter & Paul	Carnegie
2004	Tracy Galla	Sts. Peter & Paul	Carnegie
2005	Diane Senedak	Sts. Peter & Paul	Youngstown
2006			
2007	Debra Burgan		
2008			
2009			
2010			
2011	Melanie Nakonachny	St. Vladimir's	Parma
2012	Sherri Walewski	Sts. Peter & Paul	Carnegie
2013			
2014			
2015			
2016			
2017	Michael Sally	Sts. Peter & Paul	Carnegie
2018			
2019			
2020	Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon	Sts. Peter & Paul	Carnegie
2021	Rev. John Charest	Sts. Peter & Paul	Carnegie

\*Not all winners may be listed

## **Metro J. Baran Achievement Award**

Award presented

For outstanding service with the Youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

\*Not all winners may be listed

\*Not all winners may be listed

# Metro J. Baran Achievement Award

Award presented

For outstanding service with the Youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

## **ALEXIS SAWCHUK** **Sts. Peter & Paul UOL Chapter, Carnegie, PA** **METRO J. BARAN AWARD**

The Metro J. Baran Award is presented for "outstanding service with the youth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church". The award was instituted to honor the memory of Metro (Jimmie) Baran for his many years of dedicated service and untiring efforts in working with the Juniors of the UOL. This award may be presented annually, but is not necessarily an annual award. It is to be presented only when the National Executive Board feels an extraordinary candidate has been nominated. The purpose of the award is to honor a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church who:

- Has done truly outstanding work with the Junior members.
- Has exhibited untiring efforts and devoted duty in service to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and its youth.
- Has unselfishly given his/her time and energy in directing, counseling, training and/or educating the Junior members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
- Exceeds all others in working with the youth in preparation for their role as future church Leaders.



*Alexis Sawchuk, Sts. Peter & Paul UOL Chapter, Carnegie, PA  
Metro J. Baran Award*

The winner of this year's award is Alexis Sawchuk of Saints Peter and Paul Senior UOL Chapter in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Alexis has been a Junior UOL Advisor, church school teacher and Secretary of her Senior UOL Chapter.

Her chapter president notes that "the Metro J. Baran award is not solely about the "offices" a nominee holds, but about what the candidate does in serving, monitoring, advising, mentoring, teaching, modeling and working with the youth!"

"Our candidate devotes an inordinate amount of time assisting and coordinating the minute details of the Chapter's many projects. She is one who enjoys working with youngsters. She is one who assists with organizing projects but involves the juniors in a learning participation. She is one who teaches "Roberts Rules" but does not confuse the youngsters or burden the meeting. She is the one who walks five miles in a fund drive—when it's raining. And she is the one who goes bowling, tubing and gets pizza for the juniors in an effort to keep them active and interested in every church/league related activity."

When asked to describe their advisor, the junior members said, "She helps with everything. She helps with fundraising and always works with us. She reminds us what to do. She is really great."

His spiritual advisor writes "She has become an important part of our children's lives; a leader in our church school projects and chapter activities. Her success is based not only on her personality and talents but her ability to motivate and involve other people with her enthusiasm, faith and spirituality. "