



# Hope *with* Hospitality

*Please Join Br. Thomas Osorio, OH, & Grace Romeo  
For a virtual evening to CELEBRATE and HONOR*

*St. John of God Community Services'  
extraordinary programming for children and  
adults with developmental disabilities.*

*Thursday, October 29th at 7pm  
via Facebook Live*

*Heritage Award*

*John R. Culbertson*

*Damien O'Shea Hospitality Award*

*Knights of Columbus*

*Online Auction open for bidding  
September 21st through November 1st*





## 2020 HERITAGE AWARD HONOREE: JOHN R. CULBERTSON

St. John of God Community Services, bestows the **Heritage Award** to an Individual or Organization that has contributed significantly to the development of its services. In this way, we honor the legacy of our Founder, St. John of God and celebrate the vision of our Founding Brothers who set sail from Ireland to the shores of NYC to begin a new mission for Children and Adults with Disabilities. Over 50 years later Brothers and Coworkers continue to provide compassionate Hospitality to those with disabilities and their families in the manner of St. John of God.

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John R. Culbertson began his journey with St. John of God Community Services and Archbishop Damiano School 13 years ago while working as an accounting associate for Bowman & Company LLP. John's commitment to and support for the good work of SJOGCS grew over the years as he worked to become a Partner at Bowman.

Working with SJOGCS has allowed John to witness the drive and dedication that members of this organization have put forward to impact the welfare, education and economic and social circumstances of countless individuals in need. Despite the challenges created by many disabilities, John frequently attests to the transformative ability of these programs to bring smiles to the faces of youth.

Hearing the testimonials of parents and community members who have been affected, has forever changed John's own philanthropic motivations; since beginning his journey with SJOGCS, he has become an active advocate on behalf of the organization. As a result, it has become a Bowman & Company tradition to participate in numerous annual St. John of God Community Services events.

John graduated from Drexel University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and concentration in Accounting. As Partner at Bowman & Company LLP and a Certified Public Accountant in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, John is devoted to providing tax, accounting and advisory services to a wide variety of businesses throughout the Delaware Valley.

John has utilized his industry expertise to be a champion for his community; he has aided in the planning and organization of fundraisers for St. John of God Community Services and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in addition to being a member of the Drexel University Accounting Department Advisory Board. Furthermore, 2020 marks a decade of his volunteer efforts on behalf of the Greater Philadelphia YMCA, where he now serves as a member of the Camden County Advisory Board.

John resides in Gloucester Township with his wife, Danielle and three children, Madison, JJ and Emma.





**2020**  
**DAMIEN O'SHEA**  
**HOSPITALITY AWARD**  
HONOREE: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Damien O'Shea Hospitality Award is presented to an individual or organization who continues to make an impact in serving the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities while exemplifying the spirit of Father Damien O'Shea, the first founder and prior of St. John of God Community Services. This award is reserved for an individual or organization who has dedicated much of their life to hospitality, by doing good for others.

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This year's esteemed recipient is the Knights of Columbus. With nearly 2 million members and over 16,000 local councils, the Knights of Columbus is the largest, Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization in the world. Considered the "strong right arm of the Catholic Church", the Knights of Columbus organizes and performs numerous charitable works, through the dedicated and selfless efforts of its members and their families, to help the Catholic Church, local communities, veterans, youth, and those less fortunate or vulnerable - here in New Jersey and throughout the world.

On December 7, 1965, five Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God arrived on US soil from Ireland. Equipped with only their expertise and very few resources, they were tasked with establishing a center for the education and service of children with special needs. Immediately the Knights of Columbus committed themselves to assist the Brothers in this new work in a foreign land. The Knights could be found on any given day cleaning, building, and fundraising to make a success of the endeavors of building a school for those with disabilities. Many of the councils continue that great work of assisting us today. Individually and collectively, they continue to be a strong, trusted, and valuable friend. It is through their fundraising efforts and of course, prayers that allow us to provide those things that alleviate suffering and deepen the quality of life of those we serve. It is important to note, we continue to provide quality service to children and adults with special needs because of their faithfulness and belief in our mission.

We thank you for your contributions, support, and want to assure you that you are remembered each day in our Eucharist and prayers. Fr. Michael McGivney and St. John of God Pray for us.

