



Dear Valued Partner,

We invite your assistance in selecting the recipient(s) of the **2026 Iverson Freking Ecumenical Recognition Award**. Established in 1987 by Bethany St. Joseph Corporation, this award honors individuals whose lives reflect a commitment to ecumenical spirit and service. A list of past honorees is included below.

The Award is named in memory of the late **Carl Iverson** and the late **Bishop Frederick Freking**, both of whom were instrumental in founding Bethany St. Joseph Corporation. Their unselfish dedication to fostering mutual respect among faiths and promoting ecumenical endeavors continues to inspire this recognition.

Award Guidelines – Nominees should demonstrate ONE OR MORE of the following:

1. A strong spiritual example
2. Respect for the faith of others
3. Active participation in a spiritual congregation
4. Commitment to community service

Enclosed you will find a nomination form. We encourage you to reflect on your many acquaintances who embody these qualities and deserve this special honor. Please provide clear and concise information in your submission. The 2026 Iverson Freking Award honorees will be named in mid-December. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at the La Crosse Radisson Center. Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

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