

**SAMPLE: This is a sample PARISH letter that you may send to Hands of Christ recipients from your parish. Many young people would like to include this recognition on their college applications. This letter would serve as confirmation of the recognition. Use it or modify it if you wish.**

**(PARISH LETTER HEAD)**

**(DATE)**

Dear **(NAME OF YOUNG PERSON)**,

On behalf of **(PASTORAL LEADER)**, **(YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER)**, and the Diocese of Rochester, we would like to extend our warmest congratulations to you for being selected by **(your parish)** to be one of the recipients of the *Hands of Christ* recognition for the Class of 2012.

The *Hands of Christ* is a recognition given to high school seniors in the Diocese of Rochester who have demonstrated a life of service, faith and Catholic example in their parish, home and school communities. Being recognized with the *Hands of Christ* is both an honor and a sign of leadership among parishes and peers in our Diocese.

As a recipient of this special recognition you are invited to attend, along with your family, friends and parish ministers, a Recognition Service to be celebrated in your honor by Bishop Clark. There are four different services around the Diocese for you to choose to attend.

In the meantime, feel free to consider this letter a confirmation that you are a Hands of Christ Recipient!

7:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 6, 2012.....St. Lawrence Church 1000 N.Greece Rd.,Rochester, 14626

11:00A.M. Saturday, March 10, 2012...All Saints Church 112 Lansingville Rd.,Lansing, 14882

7:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 13, 2012.....Peace of Christ 25 Empire Blvd. Rochester, 14609

7:00 P.M. Wednesday March 21, 2012.....St. Patrick Church 115 Maple Ave. Victor, 14564

Sincerely,

**(PASTOR - PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR)**

**(YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER)**