

RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 ALLELUIA AWARD
VERY REV. THOMAS RANZINO



Based upon your nominations, the Board of Directors has named Very Rev. Thomas Ranzino as this year's recipient of the Alleluia Award. The award, which recognizes a member of the Federation for significant contributions to the mission of the FDLC, honors Father Ranzino for his devotion to nearly every aspect of the Federation.

A faithful member from the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Father Tom has represented Region Five on the FDLC Board of Directors since 2003. In that time, he has served on various committees including Sacraments, Eucharist and Liturgical Year, Marketing, Fundraising, and the Executive Committee.

Father Ranzino was elected as Chair of the Board of Directors in 2014. At a time when the FDLC was operating with a new Director and a revised set of Bylaws, Father Tom led us through a period of transition with a strong, but gentle voice. He possessed a clear vision of the role of the Board and the mission of the Federation. Perhaps his greatest gift was always raising the right questions.

He has guided the work of the Board with keen insight and diligence - keeping tasks always before the Board and reminding it of established goals. In addition to his multiple diocesan and parish responsibilities, his dedication to the work of the Federation has been remarkable and his accomplishments have been numerous.

Among many projects, he shepherded a new personnel policy handbook, a new financial policy handbook, and he was the principle author of *This Sacred Bond: A Pastoral Commentary on The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. He has been a valued voice as a consultant to the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship.

With typical humility, he quietly celebrated forty years of priesthood in 2018. For the many ways he has served God's people in those four decades and for his generous and effective contributions to the work of the Federation, we are pleased to present this year's Alleluia Award to Father Thomas Ranzino.