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**To:** Priests, Deacons, and Parish Staff  
**From:** Bryan J. Visitation, Director of Media & Communications  
**Date:** August 8, 2022  
**Subject:** Announcing 2022-2023 Lumen Christi Award finalist

Greetings.

Please join us in congratulating Deacon Casey Walker of St. Basil the Great Parish in Vallejo on being named one of seven finalists for Catholic Extension's Lumen Christi Award! Deacon Casey is the chair of our Intercultural Committee on Access, Integration, and Mission.

Bishop Jaime Soto said, "Deacon Casey has been an exceptional leader, guiding parish and school members through a very sensitive process of listening and dialogue as it pertains to experiences of racial discrimination within an institution and heightening much-needed awareness of racial justice in our church and communities."

Deacon Casey has led more than a dozen listening meetings in parishes, schools and ecclesial leadership groups and guided multiple training sessions for priests, deacons and lay leaders.

Read more about how Deacon Casey is taking on dialogue in divided times: <https://www.catholicextension.org/stories/deacon-takes-on-dialogue-in-divided-times/>

Please help to amplify Deacon Casey's work by sharing Catholic Extension's [Facebook post](#) or by sharing his inspiring story from the Catholic Extension website.

You can also learn more about Deacon Casey's anti-racism work in the July/August 2020 *Catholic Herald* feature story, "We Must Be the Change": <https://www.scd.org/news/we-must-be-change>

The Lumen Christi Award is Catholic Extension's highest honor given to people who radiate and reveal the light of Christ present in the communities where they serve.

This year, 40 dioceses submitted nominations for the award. Each nomination celebrates the humble heroes who powerfully impact others through their actions, leadership and faithfulness. Seven of the 40 nominees were chosen as award finalists and received \$10,000 to support and enhance their ministry.

From among these finalists, the 2022-2023 Lumen Christi Award recipient will ultimately be selected and given a \$25,000 grant, along with an additional \$25,000 grant for the nominating diocese. The award recipient will be revealed in the next edition of *Extension* magazine.

