

News Release

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Glen Argan named to receive NTC's Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award

Edmonton – Glen Argan, a veteran journalist known for both his personal and professional commitment to the Gospel, is being honoured as this year's recipient of the Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award.

Glen has served for nearly 25 years as editor of the Western Catholic Reporter, the biweekly newspaper published by the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Under his leadership, the WCR has become one of the most respected Catholic newspapers in North America, winning multiple honours for editorial writing, news reporting, layout and design, and general excellence.

Susheila Horwitz, a Marian Centre staff worker who nominated Glen, said that his work at the WCR has demonstrated an ability to inspire others to build a more Christian society.

"Glen's gifts have strengthened the Christian community, given it direction, and shown it Gospel values," she wrote.

Glen also has a deep-rooted Christian commitment to the poor. In Winnipeg, he was the founding editor of the Inner City Voice, a free monthly that focused attention on issues such as housing, recreation opportunities, native spirituality, immigration, and the child welfare system. In April 1988 the Community Education Development Association named him Winnipeg's Inner City Citizen of the Year.

Here in Alberta, Glen served as president of the Assumption Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society for five years. In 2008 he ran as a Green Party candidate in the provincial election, saying: "I believe Alberta needs a government that will respect life - the lives of people today and the lives of our children and grandchildren ... right to the seventh generation."

Doug Roche, the WCR's first editor, also praised Glen's leadership over the years.

"The whole paper, not just the editorials, reflects his deep understanding of the fullness of the Church as manifest in the Second Vatican Council," said Mr. Roche. "He plunges into the community, finding and highlighting people who are making special contributions. In doing this, he shows himself to be a leader in bringing others forward."

Archbishop Emeritus Joseph MacNeil described Glen both as a longtime friend and a man who has embraced Pope Francis' call to live the joy of the Gospel.

"Glen knows that he is loved by God, the God of mercy," wrote Archbishop MacNeil. "Glen in gratitude shares that love and mercy with all whom he encounters personally or through his writing. A life-long student feeding his heart and soul with the love and knowledge about God, so he may share this treasure with others."



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Glen will be honoured at the 12th Annual Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award Luncheon on Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

The Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award is named for the first layperson to serve as president of Newman Theological College. It recognizes individuals whose outstanding Christian leadership reflects the values of the college and the qualities that Carr cherished and exhibited in his work as president.

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Previous Recipients of the Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award:

2014 – Marc Barylo
2013 – Mary Molloy
2012 – Kae Neufeld
2011 – Rosanna Saccomani, Q.C.
2010 – Ben Hochhausen
2009 – Sr. Annata Brockman
2008 – Don Zinyk
2007 – Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C.
2006 – Tim Spelliscy
2005 – Ernest Chauvet
2004 – Hon. Jean Forest