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### THE WINNER FOR THIS YEAR MSGR. JOHN A. SHOCKLEE INTERFAITH SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD GOES TO.....

**St. Louis-** Interfaith Partnership/Faith Beyond Walls announces this year's winners for the Msrg. John A. Shocklee Interfaith Social Justice Award. Congratulations to Regina Elizabeth Meyer and Megan Heeney. Both are students at St. Louis University. These two young women have shown an outstanding determination to combat Social Injustices around the world. Our first winner Regina Elizabeth Meyer has experienced the vast amount of Social Injustices in Bolivia, El Salvador, Cincinnati, Ohio and St. Louis. Through experience and education she plans on continuing to make a difference by shedding the light on issues others tend to ignore.

The second winner, Megan Heeney, describes Social Justice as "creating a sustainable world". She spent a summer in Nicaragua working with disabled children at an orphanage and also as the Social Justice Intern with Campus Ministries at St. Louis University.

Honorable mentions are given to: Angela Cooper, Christina Gebel and Katrina Molnar.

The Msgr. John A. Shocklee Award is awarded to those who have:

- Demonstrated a commitment to Social Justice, particularly to interracial and economic Justice.
- Demonstrated a willingness to take risks on behalf of their commitment to Social Justice.
- Displayed values and actions congruent with the religious values of Social Justice as demonstrated by Msrg. John A. Shocklee.
- Shown a willingness to collaborate across the lines of economic class, ethnicity, gender, race or religion.
- Made genuine accomplishments that have benefited victims of injustice.

The late Msgr. John A. Shocklee cooperated with all faith communities, individuals and organizations working for a just society.

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