

The Legacy Continues: Sister Thea Bowman's Legendary Pathway
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When I received a letter in the mail stating that I was selected to receive the *Sister Thea Bowman Humanitarian Legacy Award*, my heart immediately started racing, and I was overjoyed. I could not believe that I was selected to be one of this year's recipients. "Thank you, Lord! What an honor!" I said aloud.



In addition to the *Humanitarian Legacy Award*, two other awards were also given. They were the Shining Star and Shooting Star recognitions. The Shining Star is given to someone that

shined brightly amongst this year's awardees, for truly showing positive examples of service as *Sr. Thea Bowman* herself did. This year's awardee was Ms. Annette A. King of St. Basil/Visitation Church. The Shooting Star is given to someone that is on the path displaying *Sr. Thea Bowman's* legacy. To my surprise, I was blessed to be honored as the recipient of the Shooting Star award for my efforts and work with ReCiL (Reclaiming Christ in Life) and St. Malachy Church, as well as my volunteer efforts with Link Unlimited, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Better Boys Foundation. It was truly a blessing to receive one award, yet alone, two, in the presence and support of my immediate family, ReCiL, St. Malachy and Holy Angels families.



Since receiving the awards, I have pondered even more upon my own calling. I believe that God has given me the spirit of patience, understanding, and connecting with others to lead and guide them in their own spiritual journey, just like *Sr. Thea Bowman*. I now realize that I am being used as a role model to share the light God has given me. It is through God, and God's anointing upon people like *Sr. Thea Bowman*, that I learned that life is not only about self but, about what you do for humanity and the extraordinary people in your life. I've been blessed. However, a blessing is really nothing unless it is shared with others.