

2014 Diocesan Chaplain Awards Friday

Dubuque – Fr. Ardel Barta Council 3893 Vinton

As our parish priest, he is a wonderful role model for all age groups. He is welcoming to all who attend Mass and he has strengthened our sense of community. He makes the children feel special and brings lots of smiles when he talks to them at Mass. He takes the time and effort to visit with parishioners before and after Mass. He really helps make our Sunday liturgies special.

Fr. Barta has been described as a gifted homilist. His homilies are understandable, relevant and encouraging. In his reflections as chaplain for our local Knights of Columbus council, Fr. Barta often reinforces one of his frequent encouragements: develop the habit of daily prayer -- even if it is but for a few moments

The Iowa State Council Recognizes Father Ardel Barta as the 2014 Dubuque Diocesan Chaplain of the Year and we are all thankful that he chose to come out of retirement to resume his parish ministry in the Heart of Mary parish cluster in Dubuque.