



Sr. Victoria Indyk accepted the Community Service-Learning faculty award for Madonna. She was honored for all the hard work she does not only at the university but in the surrounding community. Sr. Victoria is a nursing professor and has incorporated service into the nursing requirements. Under her guidance, each nursing student must complete 10 hours of community service. The “Well Being Day” the nursing program puts on twice a year helps student fulfill that requirement. She describes the event, put on for the past 15 years, as one that not only helps the community but the students as well.

“They have the opportunity to put into practice what we teach them in the classrooms. We teach them about health promotion and to be concerned about the neighborhood and the community around them,” said Sr. Victoria.

Sr. Victoria’s hand of service extends past the walls of Madonna. She is actively involved in numerous community organizations such as Urban Neighborhood Initiatives, Cabrini Clinic, and All Saints Church. Though she has been a strong force in community service she was not expected the Community Service-Learning faculty award.

“I have been doing service learning many, many years without thinking twice about it, so when I got the call, I was totally surprised!”

Though she speaks humbly about her contributions to the community, this is not the first award Sr. Victoria has received highlighting her efforts. In 2007, she was awarded the “Neighborhood Hero Award” from All Saints Neighborhood. Sr. Victoria continues to devote time to service and is working hard to incorporate service-learning into students’ education at Madonna.

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