

## **MOTHER THERESA AWARD Presentation - 2006**

Presentation given by Marie Michelle Emmerich, SSND

Notre Dame High School annually honors one senior who best characterizes the charism of Mother Theresa Gerhardinger, foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The criteria for selection includes:

The senior must

- Exemplify integrity, honesty & respect for others
- Model a love of learning & support others in learning.
- Contribute to the development of the human person through service to women, children & the poor.
- Promote unity and compassion in a divided world.
- Value the power of prayer in her life.
- Believe in the gifts of women to lead & to make a difference.

Six women in the Class of 2006 were nominated by our faculty as strongly demonstrating these values & qualities in their lives. Please stand and be recognized: Sara Crone, Jeanne Engert, Melissa Hunter, Layne Jansen, Kelly McClean, and Betsy Paszkiewicz.

The award with which we honor this young woman is symbolic. It is an artist's rendition of a young woman teacher embracing children on a global base. The emotion conveyed in the faces and hands of the teacher and children portray the value of supporting one another in learning,

**compassion and unity which encourages growth, and the leadership of women who are called to make a difference in the world.**

**The senior in the Class of 2006 who has been selected for this award says that the most significant aspect of Mother Theresa's life for her is she was a woman of conviction who took risks to achieve her goals. This inspires her to embrace and live truth. This senior has been an active leader in the Shalom Club and a member of SADD-TREND, Beta Chi Pi, and Math Team. She has served as team leader on service retreats and facilitated children's liturgy of the word in her parish. Among her academic awards, she has been selected for the Who's Who Among American High School Students and received the United States Achievement Academy Awards in English and Modern Language. She plans to become a teacher and youth minister in her future. Our 2006 Mother Theresa Award goes to Melissa Hunter....please come forward.**