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On Sunday evening November 15th Matt Greeley, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adults traveled to our youth group meeting to present the first "SOLE" award from the Diocese of Trenton, to our Sue Dowiak.

In making the presentation, Mr. Greeley pointed out that youth ministry is best described as ministry with, by, and for youth. He pointed out that youth ministers needed to be able to stretch themselves physically and emotionally.

Physically, in the set up work that needs to be done, as well as trying to keep up with the young members in the games they enjoy. Emotionally, in the many issues they deal with from relationship challenges with family and friends, to the exploring they do regarding who they are.

Greeley said they are also stretched spiritually. They walk with young people through good times and bad, trying to be a consistent light of faith. They walk with hope and work to raise others up, putting others in the spotlight.

Recognizing the miles that youth ministers walk not only with, but for our youth, the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries created the "SOLE" award.

In making the first ever award presentation, he thanked Sue for all that she does and has done, that which is seen, and that which lies unseen.

Congratulations Sue, you have and continue to bring Christ to life for so many.



Sue's SOLE

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