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## DOORWAYS BOARD MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD

DOORWAYS announces our former board member, Reverend John Rogers Vien, is a recipient of the 2016 Great Preacher Award through Aquinas Institute of Theology. Reverend Vien will receive the award on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at Rose of the Hill banquet hall, with the award dinner starting at 7:00pm.

The Aquinas Institute, run by the Order of Preachers, awards the Great Preacher Award to clergy members deemed to have contributed significantly to the creation of a Catholic community. For the institute, the Great Preacher award represents way of revitalizing the church community while also fostering Dominican spiritual values.

Rev. Vien earned his Masters of Divinity from Kenrick Seminary and was ordained as a priest in 1993 after receiving his Bachelors from Saint Louis University in 1988. He has held numerous parochial assignments and currently serves as pastor for Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Webster Groves. He is on the Archdiocesan Stewardship Education Council, and boasts numerous past commitments to the Archdiocese, Catholic and greater St. Louis communities, including the Archdiocesan Council of Priests, and tenure with the board of Lydia's House, a transitional housing program for victims of domestic violence.

Doors will open at 6:30pm with a pre-event VIP Reception at 5:30. Proceeds from the Great Preacher Award benefit the Forward in Faith campaign.

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DOORWAYS is an interfaith non-profit organization that provides housing and related supportive services to improve quality of life and health outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS. Through direct service delivery and the efforts of identified program partners, DOORWAYS' programs and services annually benefit 1,000 households living with HIV/AIDS in the 15-county St. Louis metropolitan area, 62 underserved counties in outstate Missouri, and another 55 under-served counties in outstate Illinois. In Saint Louis, to volunteer or to donate, please visit [www.doorwayshousing.org](http://www.doorwayshousing.org).

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