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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES HONORS FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE OF THE YEAR  
(PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL)... Catholic Charities Diocese of Palm Beach** honors Jackie

Adames, RN, BSN, as the Faith Community Nurse of the Year at annual luncheon fundraiser held at Devonshire at PGA National in April 2009.

The Interfaith Health and Wellness Association is a program of Catholic Charities which provides support and education for registered nurses who are serving our community through their affiliation with churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith-based initiatives. IHWA envisions faith-based communities where all individuals, across boundaries and diverse populations, have access to healthcare and basic support services, irrespective of religious affiliation, age or income, with the outcome of physical, mental and spiritual health that ultimately embraces individual and community wellness. Dr. and Mrs. William Adkins will serve as Honorary Chairpersons for the event.

Jackie Adames, RN, Spanish River Church was nominated by Sr. June Fisher, RN, of Katherine Drexel Nursing Outreach; Denise Turiano, RN, Spanish River Church and Rev. Casey Cleveland, Family Ministries Pastor. Jackie exemplifies nursing at its best combining knowledge, skill, and compassion. She has the ability to connect with people and meet them at their deepest need, boldly integrating her faith in her work, and effecting great impact in the health of the family system. She conducts a variety of classes for parents of infants and young children including directing the Nurturing Your Newborn Program. She is a highly proficient and well educated Registered Nurse but what makes her Faith Community Nurse of the Year is not only her education and ability but the incredible change she has affected in the lives of many new moms and young families through her ministry. She combines professional expertise and contagious enthusiasm within a flourishing parish and surrounding neighborhood community as well. Jackie has been the caring catalyst in this process.

The Faith Community Nurse of the Year luncheon is sponsored by St. Mary's Medical Center, Raymond James Financial Services of Palm Beach, Matrix Home Care, Devonshire of PGA National, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, and the Edna Hibel Corp. Funders for the program included the Allegany Franciscan Foundation, Frank J. Lewis Foundation, and Palm Healthcare Foundation.

The Faith Community Nurse Basic Preparation course, recognized by the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, will be held June 1-5, 2009 in Delray Beach, FL, and course completions is one of the criteria for this Award. For more information, visit [www.ihwassoc.org](http://www.ihwassoc.org) or call (561) 379-1972.

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