

Alice & William Pecoraro ST. MARY PARISH Nominator: St. Mary Parish Foundation Sponsored by: Taco Bell

Alice and William Pecoraro are the recipients of the 2018 Leaders In Philanthropy Award for St. Mary Parish.

They have been active community members since establishing their home in the Tri-City area more than 50 years ago. Alice and William have been committed to their church, both private and public schools, universities and local charities.

Alice was a founding member of the St. Mary Parish Foundation, an affiliate of Community Foundation of Acadiana. She and William held its inaugural event at their home nearly 10 years ago. They participated in the initial fund-raising to establish the affiliate and have attended every sponsored event since its inception. She served for many years on the board of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Keep Morgan City Beautiful, and Keep St. Mary Beautiful. Earlier, she was a member of the Historic Commission and the Image Commission of Morgan City. She served on the boards of the Community Foundation of Acadiana and the St. Mary Parish Foundation.

Alice said it was her parents who inspire her community involvement to this day. "My parents did not have significant means, but they gave what they could to the community," said Alice. "It is their unselfish spirit that has made an indelible mark on me."

William was active in the early years in the Knights of Columbus and in later years in the Boy Scouts and the Morgan City Port Commission and Wharf Committee.

"In our 52 years of marriage we have valued giving and sharing with community organizations," said William. "We just always felt we needed to give back because we are very blessed."

They feel humbled and honored to join the past distinguished philanthropists of St. Mary, all of whom they know and admire.

