



Bruce & Stacy Montesano St. Martin Parish

Nominated by: Cheryl Robicheaux

Bruce and Stacy Montesano are the recipients of the 2021 Leaders In Philanthropy Award for St. Martin Parish.

Bruce and Stacy were married in 1985 and began their lives together choosing to live and work in the beautiful town of Breaux Bridge. The Montesanos feel honored to be actively involved with numerous organizations and have used their success in business to give to charitable organizations and causes which are close to their heart.

Stacy has volunteered with St. Bernard School for numerous activities/events and is a past president of the St. Bernard School Board. She is a member and past Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Paul #1434, serves as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist for St. Bernard Church, and has served on the St. Bernard Church Parish Council and on the Msgr. P. A. Borel Building Committee in charge of Finance, which planned and funded the construction of a new church hall.

Bruce's involvement with St. Bernard Church includes serving as a Trustee for the Church Parish Council where he was also a past president. He has served on the St. Bernard Church Renovation Committee, which planned and oversaw a million-dollar renovation of St. Bernard Church, actively serves on the "That Man is You" Program, and has been an usher at church for many years. He is a member and past Grand Knight of the Breaux Bridge Knights of Columbus, Council #2398, a member and past president of the St. Bernard School Foundation, a member and past president of the Breaux Bridge Chamber of Commerce as well as a member and past president of the Breaux Bridge Kiwanis Club, now known as Civic Club de Pont Breaux. Bruce, an Eagle Scout himself, has always been an avid supporter of The Boy Scouts. He also is a past recipient of the Breaux Bridge Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award.

Together, Stacy and Bruce helped establish the Parents for Light Program at St. Bernard School and served on their Capital Campaign Core Team assisting in raising funds for current and future school expansions. Continuing to live out their faith life, Stacy and Bruce served on the St. Bernard Church Centennial Campaign Committee which raised money to support their local church parish and the greater Diocese of Lafayette mission and are actively serving as mentors for the Witness to Love Marriage Preparation Program. Strong believers of pro-life issues, they were privileged to have been foster parents for newborn babies through Catholic Charities and have served on the Board for Catholic Social Services Advocating for Adoption and actively speak on this important issue. They are also ardent supporters of human rights organizations such as Louisiana Right to Life and Bioethics Defense Fund.

The Montesanos have been humbled to live, serve, work and raise a family in a community that has given so much to them. They have always tried to live their lives with the understanding, "To whom much is given, much is expected." Bruce said, "There is great value in giving back, and it is our hope that others will seek opportunities to do the same."

They are the proud parents of three children: Amanda, Stephanie, and Matthew and have embraced their quaint community.