

Henriette M. Mackin Award

The Henriette M. Mackin Award is presented to an organization or paid or volunteer person from the state of Wisconsin who has given outstanding service to the catechetical ministry at the parish or diocesan level. The Wisconsin Directors of Religious Education Federation established this award in 1986 in honor of the late Henriette M. Mackin, founder of Hi-Time Publications, a Wisconsin-based publisher of catechetical materials.

The oldest of ten children in an Irish-American Catholic family, Henriette Mackin graduated from the University of Wisconsin before starting her career in the field of publishing. After twelve years in the editorial and promotions departments of the Milwaukee Journal, she moved on to the George Pflaum Company of Dayton, Ohio, where she edited a popular religiously oriented comic book series, Treasure Chest.

Noticing the lack of religious education materials for high school students, Miss Mackin left Pflaum to establish a new publishing company aimed at producing high school catechetical materials.