

NOTABLE PAST RECIPIENTS

2016

SARA LANCE

- SARI BARI
Kolkata, India

Lance founded Sari Bari to offer freedom to women trapped in the sex trade or vulnerable to being trafficked. The women are paid a living wage and given health-care benefits, a pension, tuition assistance for children, and a chance to advance.

2014

SR. TESA FITZGERALD

- HOUR CHILDREN
Long Island City, N.Y.

Fitzgerald, a Sister of St. Joseph for 50 years, leads Hour Children, which helps incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children successfully rejoin the community, reunify with their families, and build healthy, independent lives.

2013

SAKENA YACOOBI

- AFGHAN INSTITUTE OF LEARNING
Herat, Afghanistan

Yacobi's institute empowers women and girls through education, health services, and teacher training. She believes that improved education and health for women is the most effective response to terrorism and violence.

THE 2020 OPUS PRIZE

The Opus Prize is one of the world's largest faith-based awards for social entrepreneurship, including one award of **\$1 million** and two **\$100,000** prizes recognizing individuals who are addressing persistent and pressing social problems. From improving education in Afghanistan to supporting the families of incarcerated women in New York City, Opus Prize laureates are motivated by remarkable faith to create new opportunities for transformation and impact.

The awarding of the Opus Prize is done through a year-long partnership with a Catholic university, providing unique opportunities for engagement that aim to inspire students, faculty, the campus, and the university's community. These partnerships provide the mutual benefits of supporting the work of faith-based, social entrepreneurs around the world while seeking to inspire the next generation of leaders to pursue lives of service.



OPUS PRIZE FOUNDATION CORE VALUES

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Have the clear vision and ethical commitment necessary to drive change.

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Lead in a way which results in the transformation of their community as a whole.

SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

Honor individuals who are successfully addressing the root of social problems in ways that drive locally owned, short- and long-term change.

FAITH

Demonstrate faith through their principles, actions, and belief that human life at every stage is sacred.

UNSUNG HEROES

Act as a catalyst, without broad recognition and financial support, to bring support to the individual's organization, inviting attention and investment.

LIFE OF SERVICE

Demonstrate through actions their belief in the value of each person, and that a person's faith is evidenced by his or her commitment to justice and compassion for others.

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