

# Diocese honors distinguished educators at reception

Matthew Vereecke, Superintendent of the Diocese of Dallas Catholic Schools, top left, and Bishop Edward J. Burns, top right, pose with the winners of the diocesan 2017 Distinguished Educator Awards, from left, Helene Mercado of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School in Plano; Shelly McClenny of Prince of Peace Catholic School in Plano; and Catherine Esteban of Good Shepherd Catholic School in Garland during an awards reception on May 2 at Jackson Walker, LLP in downtown Dallas. The three award winners each received a \$1,000 prize underwritten by The Catholic Foundation.

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Matthew Vereecke presents honorable mention Distinguished Educator Awards to Cristelle Elias of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School in Richardson and Freeda Alvares of Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Grand Prairie.



Educator Judie Bozarth reacts to a joke by Bishop Edward J. Burns, as she stands with her colleagues from St. Joseph Catholic School of Richardson during the reception.