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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and School awarded the Tree-mendous Tree Award



The Terrebonne Parish Tree Board has chosen St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and School for the Tree-mendous Tree Award for the second quarter of 2017.

"St. Matthew's Episcopal Church has very deep roots in this community and by God's grace has persisted through good times and bad, weathering many storms along the way. To me, the oaks are a symbol of that resilience and also a symbol of God's faithfulness, come what may," Rev. Craig Dalferes, rector of St. Matthew's said.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and School were nominated by the Terrebonne Garden Club for the preservation and maintenance of historic oaks in their landscape before, during and after the reconstruction of the church on Barrow Street. According to S. Myers McAllister, Head of School, the trees are named for the Patriarchs: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob-Israel, the Prodigal Son, and Joseph.

The Tree-mendous Tree Award was presented to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and School representatives at the Terrebonne Parish Council meeting on April 12, 2017. Rev. Craig Dalferes accepted on behalf of the church, and S. Myers McAllister accepted on behalf of the school. Pictured above from left to right are: Linda Brashier, Terrebonne Garden Club nominator; Trudy V. Hebert, Terrebonne Parish Tree Board Chair; S. Myers McAllister, Head of School; and Rev. Craig Dalferes.

"St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and School are honored to receive the Tree-mendous Tree Award from the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board. The church and school are committed to being good stewards of the Earth and to encourage our young people to do the same. We are proud of the beautiful oak trees, and we hope that they stand as testament to the strength of St. Matthew's and to the strength of our community," McAllister said.

The Tree-mendous Tree Award is a very important recognition for individuals, businesses and organizations that take the time to plan, preserve and maintain the growth of trees on their private properties. Trees remain a historical and vital part of our community. The purpose and goal of the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board is primarily the planting and preservation of trees on parish-owned public properties.

The Terrebonne Parish Tree Board has recognized that not only individuals but also businesses and churches take pride in their properties and will take the extra concern to preserve and maintain trees in our parish. Therefore, the award was established and will be given every quarter of the year. This award will assist the Tree Board in creating public awareness and promoting the numerous benefits of trees.

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