

2002 Recipient of the J. J. Young Award



Ms. Carrie Hansen, MSW, LCSW-C



For the past twenty years **Carrie Hansen, MSW, LCSW-C**, has contributed to all levels of divorce recovery ministry, both regionally and nationally, with a consistent dedication that has been an inspiration to all who have worked with her. Before serving on the NACSDC Board of Directors (1990–1997), Carrie worked with Fr. Jim Young, spreading the good news of divorce ministry in the Washington, D.C. area, appearing on TV talk shows, and establishing support groups. Carrie has continued to be an effective advocate for this ministry. She is a major leader in the planning of regional conferences, in Archdiocesan remarriage education, as resident therapist at retreats for the separated and divorced, and as a workshop presenter. For the past seven years Carrie has utilized her expertise as one of the faculty of the NACSDC annual Leadership track, *The ABCs of Divorce Ministry*. Carrie has spoken to seminarians and to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in support of divorce ministry. Whatever the need, Carrie is there, regardless of the sacrifice, even at her own expense. She has been a critical element of NACSDC's history. Indeed, NACSDC owes its existence to the dedication of Carrie Hansen.

About the Award

The J. J. Young Award is presented annually in tribute to, and in memory of, **Fr. James J. Young, CSP**, who's pioneering ministry to reconcile separated and divorced Catholics led to the foundation of the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics in 1974. The award serves as a recognition and affirmation of another's service that directly affected the beginning, development, or expansion, of pastoral care to separated, divorced, and remarried Catholic families. It also recognizes that service can be expressed in a variety of ways such as: support group ministry; program development; transformational leadership; research; teaching; outreach at the parish, (arch)diocesan, regional, national and international levels; movements; organizations; writing; and others. The award strives to identify some critical contribution that directly benefitted the community of separated, divorced and remarried Catholics and ministry to these families. While the original contribution may have been intended for a specific community, the award acknowledges that such a service has impact for the larger community as well.