



**Family Hospice and Palliative Care
Spiritual Care Specialist Mary Ann Trifaro
Receives Catherine Baker Knoll Award**

PITTSBURGH – May 15, 2013 – The Allegheny County Democratic Committee has awarded Mary Ann Trifaro, Spiritual Care Specialist at Family Hospice and Palliative Care, with the 2013 Catherine Baker Knoll Award.

The Catherine Baker Knoll Award is presented to women who have displayed exceptional achievement and have been instrumental in furthering the goals of the Allegheny County Democratic Committee.

“I am truly honored,” said Trifaro, reflecting on the award. “To be recognized for the work I do not only with the Democratic party, but with those we serve at Family Hospice, means that I am making a positive difference in the community. A passion for those I serve is what drives me every day.”

In her role with Family Hospice, Trifaro provides spiritual support and comfort to patients facing life-limiting illness and their loved ones. Trifaro has also officiated at ceremonies for Family Hospice patients wishing to renew their marriage vows.

Nancy Patton Mills, Chair of the Allegheny County Democratic Committee, said “As a person of faith, Mary Ann Trifaro has been an inspiration to all of us at the Democratic Committee. Her work as a leader of the faith community, a woman, and a Democrat has been a joy to watch.”

Trifaro was presented the award Thursday evening May 9, at the Democratic Committee’s annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner at the IBEW in Pittsburgh’s South Side.

Trifaro was ordained in 1984 and has served as Senior Minister for three churches in Colorado, Rhode Island and Pittsburgh. She is an active member of the Mt. Lebanon Democratic Committee and formerly served as secretary. Trifaro was also a member of the National Speakers Association, the International New Thought Alliance and the Professional Woman’s Association. She names her hard-working parents as the greatest influence in her life, learning important values from her mother and father.

About Family Hospice:

A winner of the American Hospital Association’s *Circle of Life* award for innovative care programming, Family Hospice and Palliative Care has been providing compassionate care to our area since 1980. As Pennsylvania’s largest hospice provider, Family Hospice serves nine counties in Western Pennsylvania, helping patients make choices about their care, supporting family and friends who are grieving and educating both professionals and the community about end-of-life issues. Family Hospice is an independent, non-profit, community-based organization accredited by The Joint Commission for meeting specific high-level performance standards and recognized nationally as a pioneer in programs such as Caregiver Training. Through a commitment to quality services, Family Hospice provides a complete continuum of care to patients and families. More information at www.FamilyHospice.com and www.Facebook.com/FamilyHospicePA.