

All Saints Parish Spirituality and Justice Award 2009

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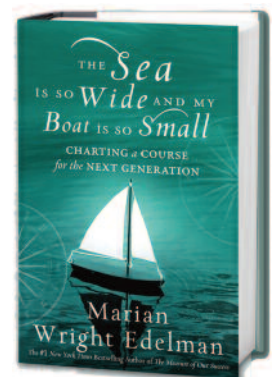
Marian Wright Edelman

Sunday, May 17, 2009 during the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Mrs. Edelman will be the preacher at this service

Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President of the **Children's Defense Fund (CDF)**, has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional life. Under her leadership, CDF has become the nation's strongest voice for children and families. The **Leave No Child Behind®** mission of the Children's Defense Fund is to ensure every child a **Healthy Start**, a **Head Start**, a **Fair Start**, a **Safe Start**, and a **Moral Start** in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

Mrs. Edelman has received many honorary degrees and awards including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings which include nine books. Her latest book *The Sea is So Wide and My Boat is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation* was released in September 23, 2008.



The Spirituality and Justice Award is given to persons whose notable commitment to justice for all of God's people is grounded in a deep spiritual life. The presentation of the award is a special time each year as All Saints Parish lifts up an outstanding person for recognition by the community. As we honor these distinguished persons we draw strength from their example. They inspire us to renew our commitment to justice as an essential expression of our spirituality and faith.

In past years the award was presented to Bishop Barbara C. Harris (1998); Bishop Simon E. Chiwanga (1999); Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE (2000); Bishop Steven Charleston (2001); Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu (2002); Dr. Yang Jianli and Ms. Christina Fu (2003); The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas (2004); Bishop V. Gene Robinson (2005); The Honorable Byron Rushing (2006), Peter Stringham, M.D. (2007), and Paul Farmer, M.D. (2008)