

“Woman of Courage” Award.

BASP Co-ordinator, Brigid Arthur csb, recently received the 2024 ‘Woman of Courage’ award from UNAMINA International.

The award ceremony took place at the Brigidine Ministry Centre in Albert Park, Melbourne. The group which gathered with Brigid - in person and online - included Brigidine Sisters, Kildare Ministries’ staff, BASP representatives, members of other religious congregations, secondary school students and three of Brigid’s sisters.

UNAMINA’s Executive Director, Jean Quinn DW, joined the Group online from Ireland and spoke about the work of UNANIMA International. Margaret Fyfe csb, a representative on the Board of UNAMINA International was MC for the celebration. Noelene Simmons SM, also a UNANIMA Board member and who nominated Brigid for the award, presented the Citation of the award.

Louise Cleary csb presented the award on behalf of Jean Quinn.

Brigid responded with a passionate and heartfelt reflection about the plight of asylum seekers in Australia. She highlighted the work of BASP volunteers and generous donors who support a very vulnerable and destitute group of people.

We congratulate Brigid and the BASP community who continue to ask the question; ‘Am I not your neighbour?’

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A link to the recording of the Award Ceremony will be available soon!



Previous UNANIMA “women of courage:”

<https://unanima-international.org/woman-of-courage/>