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EMO honors Mary Jo Tully with “Ecumenist of the Year” award

Mary Jo Tully, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, will be named “Ecumenist of the Year” on May 8, 2012, at the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner. The award is presented in recognition of leadership and commitment to fostering the love of Christ through ecumenical dialogue, witness and ministry.

Tully is the first laywoman to fill the chancellor position at the Archdiocese in Portland and was the former director of religious education for the Archdiocese of Chicago. She is the author of a major Catholic religious education textbook series and a weekly column for the *Catholic Sentinel*. She continues to write and lecture on the subject of catechetics and spirituality.

The EMO Board of Directors is honoring Tully for her many years of ecumenical commitments and dedicated service both within the Christian community and with Jewish, Muslim and other faiths. She has been one of the outstanding promoters of ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, growing out of the Roman Catholic commitment to ecumenism. Her outreach has fostered deep understanding and respect among faiths in Portland and throughout the region.

The EMO Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland. A reception and silent auction to benefit EMO’s ministries will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the dinner and award presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are available at www.emoregon.org for \$60 per person and tables for 10 are available for \$600. For more information, call Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054, ext. 275, or csbigg@emoregon.org.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations—including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies—congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.

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