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## **Dr. Zane H. Gates and Jane Kerr to Receive 2017 Ketteler Award for Social Justice**

**Pittsburgh – June 27, 2017** – The public is invited to join the Sisters of Divine Providence in recognizing Dr. Zane H. Gates and Jane Kerr for their exemplary service during a special Ketteler Award for Social Justice ceremony on Saturday, August 5, at 7 p.m. at Providence Heights, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, Pennsylvania 15101.

Dr. Gates, the Executive Director and co-founder of Empower3 Center for Health in Altoona, Pennsylvania, has worked tirelessly throughout his medical career to provide affordable health care to the working poor. Jane, an Associate of the Sisters of Divine Providence for 20 years, has worked to improve the health, educational, economic and spiritual needs of those less fortunate through her mission trips to the villages of Hoima, Uganda.

In 1998, the Sisters of Divine Providence instituted the Ketteler Award to honor individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice. The award, named for Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler, Bishop of Mainz, Germany, and co-founder of the Congregation of Divine Providence, is presented annually. Bishop Ketteler, honored in Germany as the “social justice bishop,” was a tireless fighter for the rights of the working class. He was bishop from 1850 until his death in 1877, at the age of 65.

RSVP by July 21, 2017 to 412.931.5241 or [ndavis@cdpsisters.org](mailto:ndavis@cdpsisters.org). For more information, visit [cdpsisters.org/2017KettelerAward](http://cdpsisters.org/2017KettelerAward)

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