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Allegiance Retail Services President and COO Joseph Fantozzi Named CIFI Person of the Year

Iselin, NJ (January 28, 2025) – [Allegiance Retail Services](https://www.allegianceretail.com), a leading supermarket grocery services co-op, is pleased to announce that President and Chief Operating Officer Joseph Fantozzi has been named 2025 Person of the Year by the Catholic Institute of the Food Industry (CIFI). The recognition was celebrated at a dinner attended by 235 industry professionals at the Garden City Hotel in Garden City, Long Island, NY.

CIFI, established in 1946, recognizes leaders in the food industry who demonstrate exceptional commitment to charitable giving and community service. The organization's selection of Fantozzi reflects his dedication to these values and his industry leadership.

"It is my honor to be the 2025 CIFI's 'person of the year'," remarked Joseph Fantozzi. "I believe in CIFI's four pillar foundation for which the organization stands on. The contributions given to those in need make me embrace my catholic faith with great pride. The act of giving will always create good fortune for those who think more about others than they do about themselves."

The recognition celebrates Fantozzi's leadership in the food industry and his commitment to charitable causes. CIFI supports various organizations including Calvary Hospital, Catholic Faith Network, Tiegerman, and CaringKind, while also aiding families in need during holiday seasons.

During Fantozzi's acceptance remarks he talked about the importance of faith no matter religious affiliation.

About Allegiance Retail Services LLC

Allegiance Retail Services, LLC supports independent supermarkets (e.g., Foodtown, Freshtown, D'Agostino, Gristedes, Morton Williams, Pathmark, LaBella Marketplace, Brooklyn Harvest, Market Fresh, Big Deal Food Market, Green Way Markets, Marrazzo's Market, Brigidos Fresh Markets, Peck's Markets, Bloomingdale Supermarket by Foodtown, and Shop n Bag) retail success by providing them with marketing, advertising, technological and merchandising support, as well as a full line of private label products, including Foodtown, Green Way and Rancher's Legend. For more information, please visit www.allegianceretailservices.com.

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