EAGLE OF THE CROSS RECIPIENTS

The following are excerpts from the nominations of each Eagle of the Cross Recipient.
(Nominators, please excuse the liberties taken with your work.)

Caryl E. Adams Immaculate Conception Parish, Ravenna
Senior Ravenna High School
Having come from a mixed-faith family, Caryl's moral integrity has withstood challenges and she has always made the choices that her faith supports. Caryl has participated in CCD for 11 years and a classroom aide for 3 years. She has volunteered for the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Ohio Teen Institute and works at a Health Center.

Kathryn Baranovich St. Paul Parish, Salem
Senior Salem High School
Kathryn stands up for what she believes and knows is right. A Lector and altar server at home, an active member of a service organization, she has also done a mission trip to New Jersey. She has organized a coat and a toy drive and inspires others to do so as well. Kathryn attended World Youth Day in Canada.

Marshall Hunter Berkeley Our Lady of Peace Parish, Canton
Junior St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Marshall shares the importance of his faith with others through his participation in Youth Ministry Faith Sharing sessions, volunteers at Hammer and Nails and helped with Community Services Children's Christmas party playing a 6-foot tall reindeer. He has gone to the Diocesan Youth Convention, and received the *Ad Alteri Dei* Award.

Renee N. Black St. William Parish, Champion
Senior John F. Kennedy High School
Renee is a dedicated, wholesome person who is willing to help others and take leadership or just work behind the scenes. A Mass server she has also served as a CCD teacher. She has been the director of the Children's Christmas Program, a reading and math tutor, and helped at Glenview with the elderly.

Jack C. Carr St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Conneaut
Junior Ss. John and Paul Catholic School
Using the talents God has given him, Jack is an inspiration to all who meet him. Jack takes great pride in all he does and it shows in his reverence at Mass, peer tutoring, and his gentle kind words to the candidates for Confirmation. He has been a delegate to NCYC and Diocesan Congress on Vocations.

Kathryn E. Dick St. Paul the Apostle Parish, New Middletown
Senior Cardinal Mooney High School
Katie is always positive, ready to help, and always present to those in need. She has been described as one who "witnesses and shares faith with others, one who participates and leads prayer, and one who can effectively share her faith." She has tutored students, visited the elderly and helped with a pre-school class.

Corey Fowler St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Cortland
Senior Lakeview High School
The depth of Corey's spirituality is revealed in the things he says and the way he treats others. He has been a server, lector and plays and sings for Mass leading a group who provide music for Mass. He has attended NCYC and the Diocesan Youth Conference. Corey's goodness and giftedness qualify him for this award.

Maria Garofalo Our Lady of Peace Parish, Canton
Senior St. Thomas Aquinas High School
While Maria's most impressive quality is her respect and care for others, Maria is a fun and optimistic person who shares her beliefs and faith with others. Her sincerity and genuine faith is expressed in her participation at St. Joseph's hospice and her servant attitude includes openness to completing whatever task needs done.

Troy Gawlak All Saints Parish, Canton
Senior Canton Timken High School
Troy is a reflective and resourceful leader; a dynamic breath of tomorrow. He learned Polish in order to lector once a month in that language. A true friend of the Hispanics, he was essential in the formation of the Hispanic faith community. In recognition of his role of "welcoming the stranger", he was given the "Voice of Hope Award" last year.

Amy M. Hope St. Mary Parish, Massillon
Senior Jackson High School
Amy has shown the teaching of God through her volunteering as a Kindergarten teacher and helping teach the 8th grade Confirmation class. She received recognition for her library time and has helped with an American Girl Tea. Amy also helps decorate the church for holidays, and attended a religious program at Walsh University.

Candice Lawson Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Youngstown
Senior Ursuline High School
Radiating light, love, and life, Candice is a very inspirational Catholic Christian young person, encouraging others to live up to their potential. Candice offers herself to a hospital, a school, a Preschool and a Nursing Home facility. She has taught CCD in her parish and is a wonderful role model for them.

Paul Louis Marich St. Brendan Parish, Youngstown
Senior Ursuline High School
From his freshman year Paul has been on an extraordinarily mature spiritual journey making him an inspiration to many in the Ursuline family. A discerning interest in priestly vocation Paul has been accepted to the Josephinum College in Columbus. Paul's loving heart and effective witness for Christ and His Church make him an outstanding candidate for this prestigious award.

Monica Sophia Mastracco St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton
Senior Central Catholic High School
Monica has a "glow" that is seen in those who have allowed the Holy Sprit to work in and through them. At Central Catholic she leads morning rosary and as a member of St. Michael she is a Cantor, a

Eucharistic Minister, and drives 20 miles to teach CCD! As president of Right to Life, she speaks out on abortion and euthanasia.

Ashley A. Mc Cafferty Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Junior Geneva High School
Ashley inspires with her gentle spirit and constancy of fidelity, sincerity and maturity. Thoughtful in her estimation of situations she acts according to a well-developed conscience. Ashley is a Peer Counselor for the Crisis Youth Hotline and engages her and others in fun and recreational activities as well.

Kristin Prox Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Warren
Junior John F. Kennedy High School

While spirituality seems to be very important to Kristin, and her family, her actions reflect her Christian beliefs. Kristin is a hard worker and very active in extra curricular activities. She is honest, trustworthy and makes good decisions. An excellent role model for her younger sister she also baby sits at Church.

Thomas Andrew Pugh St. Michael Parish, Canfield
Senior Ursuline High School
Having a debilitating disease has not kept Tom Pugh from being a strong advocate of peer ministry, teaching CCD, and encouraging students to experience Celebrate weekend. Tom is an active member of a support group for kids with this disease sending messages of encouragement to those newly diagnosed. He received the Pope Pius XII Scouting Award, and has participated in NCYC and World Youth Day.

William Robert Ramirez St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Boardman
Senior Cardinal Mooney High School
Possessing a strong value system, Bill has a passion about challenging the "haves" of this world to share their blessings with the "have-nots." A profoundly spiritual person, he is an altar server and a Eucharistic Minister that carries forth these ministries with a heart rooted in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Renè Felípe Rodriguez St. Patrick Parish, Youngstown
Junior Rayen High School
Always cheerful, smiling and with his arm around someone, Renè is a shining example of an inner city youth with a strong Catholic Faith. Always in the middle of parish life, he invites others to become active participants and is training for Clown & Mime Ministry. He attended the Diocesan Youth Congress and plans to attend the Diocesan Youth Convention in November.

Therese R. Scharf Mother of Sorrows Parish, Ashtabula
Senior Geneva High School
Therese's intelligence, creativity and musical talent have given her the ability to step in and direct the choir for Sunday Mass. She took the leadership roll in planning the 8th Grade Confirmation retreat. A born leader she is consistent and persevering and has been a positive witness for all.

Nicholas L. Schott St. Barbara Parish, Massillon

Senior Central Catholic High School

With strength of character, ability to live by Christian values and effectiveness as an example to others, Nick's manner is kind, considerate and Christ-like. Nick is an active volunteer for Right to Life and volunteers at Bethany Nursing Home. He has been a Mass server, a Eucharistic Minister, and helped organize a coat drive for the area needy.

Diana M. Tenzek St. Paul Parish, Salem

Senior United Local High School

Diana turns to the Bible for strength when her peers exclude or ridicule her for her beliefs. As a result of an invitation to a Celebrate weekend, a friend of Diana's wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. Known as "Dr. Phil" of United High, Diana's friends come to her for advice on many matters. She also attended NCYC in Indianapolis.

Tamara M. Wright Immaculate Conception Parish, Ravenna

Senior Rootstown High School

Tamara is comfortable praying with her Youth Ministry group and in offering prayers for fellow students, making it evident that Jesus holds a high priority in her life. Her dedication to her future is commendable, an example to others. She has participated in NCYC and also attended the Diocesan Youth Convocation.

Millicent M. Zullo Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ashtabula

Senior Saints John and Paul Catholic School

Millicent is a kind person who teaches me to live life with a generous heart. Blessed with a beautiful voice she performs as a cantor in a professional, reverent manner. She strives for spiritual excellence. Her living these qualities and virtues lead her to being an individual who is Christ-like in attitude and action.

Melissa Lynn Zwilling St. Joseph Parish, Newton Falls

Senior Southeast Local High School

Melissa's attentiveness and questions inspire me to strive to learn and deepen my own faith. A prayer leader at Youth Ministry, and a reader at Sunday Mass, she also participates in Vacation Bible School. She helped form the Fellowship of Christian Athletes group, and also is in a leadership role in National Honor Society and Science Club.