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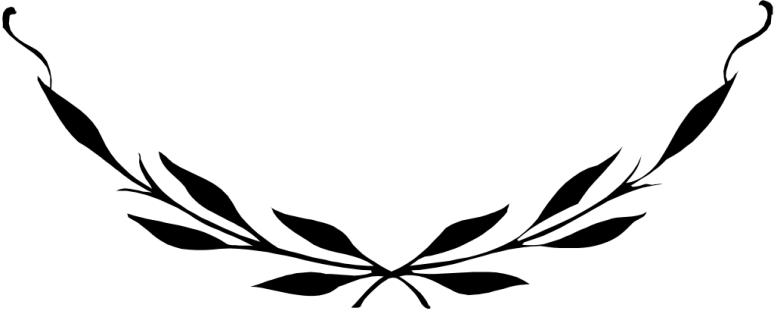
**Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

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Catholic Diocese of Youngstown

EAGLE of the CROSS

Awards

**St. Columba Cathedral Altar**

Chapel

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| Lector: Aja N. Shriver  Small pews | Aisle | Petitions: Aaron Ferguson |
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| Blake Abbott |  | Reflection: Morgan Anderson |
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| Megan Brockway |  | David J. DiSalvatore |
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| Brooklyn Duguay |  | Lena Dunkerley |
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| Victoria Flores |  | Nikolas Hackett |
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| Emmanuel Heestand |  | Alannah Marie Hetzel |
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| Stephen Hiner |  | Anna Hughes |
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| Anthony Joseph Jones |  | Justin McLemore |
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| Giovanni R. Mileto |  | Reagan Phillips |
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| Barrett Christopher Scheatzle |  | Patrick Michael Wilson |
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| Grace Witmer |  | Team |
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| Cardinal Mooney |  | Central Catholic |
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| Ursuline |  | St. John |
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| Other guests |  | Other guests |
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Main Doors

Twenty-third Annual

EAGLE of the CROSS

Evening Prayer

and

Awards Presentation

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Cathedral of St. Columba

Youngstown, Ohio

7:00 PM

Acknowledgements

**Eagle of the Cross Judges**

Lindsey Fuentes Maureen Hall

Cara Lipinski Dustine May

Tina McCue Julie Pertz

Cindee Case (Secretary)

**Participating Clergy**

Rev. Marian Babjak Rev. Michael Balash

Rev. Matthew Hummerickhouse

Rev. Scott Kopp Rev. David Misbrener

Rev. Richard Murphy Rev. Raymond Paul

Rev. Joseph Ruggieri Very Rev. Msgr. Robert Siffrin

Rev. Michael Swierz Very Rev. Raymond Thomas, V.F.

Rev. Stephen Zeigler Rev. Msgr. John Zuraw, J.C.L.

Special thanks to our Hosts for their generous hospitality

~~ St. Columba Cathedral ~~

Very Reverend Monsignor Peter Polando, J.C.L., Rector

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*A sincere and heartfelt*

*Thank You*

*to all who helped in the preparation and celebration of this evening.*

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar

Bishop of Youngstown

2021 Recipients who assisted with our evening

Dr. Daniel Laginya, Cathedral Music Director

Reverend Michael Balash, Director, Diocesan Office of Worship

Bob Zajack and Studio Six Photography

All the nominators who took the time to share stories with us

about these outstanding teens.

Families and mentors to the recipients who nurtured faith and

encouraged Christian Leadership.

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**Evening Prayer**

Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter

**WELCOME**  Cindee Case

**INVITATORY**

Presider: O God + come to my assistance

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

(Please bow) Glory to the Father and to the Son and

to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will

be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

**HYMN All Creatures of Our God and King**



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**PSALMODY**

**Psalm 62** Please be seated



**Psalm Prayer** Please stand

**Psalm 67** Please be seated

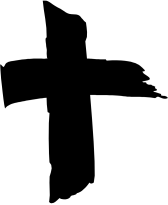


**PSALM PRAYER** Please stand

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WHAT IS THE EAGLE OF THE CROSS?

The Eagle of the Cross, created originally by the National



Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), is the

highest recognition that our Diocese confers on a youth.

It is given to extraordinary teens who selflessly serve

their peers and parishes in unwavering commitment

and dedication as communicated by the nominating adult.

Since 1999, The Eagle of the Cross has been given annually in the Diocese of Youngstown to select high school juniors and seniors who show particular zeal in the improvement of their parish youth ministry program, high school ministry teams or other ministries within the Diocese. The nominees must be practicing Catholics who exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works and Christian leadership. Awardees can receive only once. You can find the names of previous recipients posted online at:

<http://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/eagle-of-cross-awards.html>

Nominations for the Eagle of the Cross are to be completed by an adult (not the nominee), be it a parish staff member, high school personnel, parishioner, or friend. Each nominator must answer essay questions addressing the nominee’s participation in parish and high school youth ministry programs, providing examples of the qualities mentioned above. The award is not geared toward quantitative service hours but to the integrity of the individual and how well s/he is perceived by the nominator as an outstanding Catholic Christian.

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Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

In addition to organizing this awards program on behalf of the diocese, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OY&YAM) directs the biennial Diocesan Youth Convention (DYC) in even-numbered years and the diocesan delegation to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in the odd years (November 18-21, 2021) in Indianapolis, Indiana, as well as other periodic programs. The OY&YAM provides resources to parishes and Catholic agencies within the diocese to assist with outreach to high school teens and those in their twenties and thirties.

After you graduate from high school, be sure to check out young adult ministry opportunities at your campus, post/station or parish, as well as those in our diocese!

Additional information about the programs and services of the OY&YAM are available on the diocesan website, <http://doy.org/index.php/diocesan-offices/youth-a-young-adult-ministry> and at <http://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com>.



OY&YAM also uses social media:

Facebook at “Youngstown-Youth Young-Adults”

Pinterest as “YoungstownYouth”

Twitter @YoungInYTown

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**CANTICLE** Philippians 2: 6 - 11

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**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 12: 3 - 8

Read by Aja N. Shriver Please be seated

**RESPONSORY**

Presider: The Lord has risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

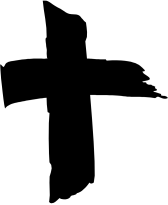
All: --The Lord has risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

Presider: He hung upon the cross for us,

All: -- alleluia, alleluia

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: --The Lord has risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia



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Emmanuel Heestand St. Jude, Columbiana

Senior United Local High School

Alannah Marie Hetzel Christ Our Savior, Struthers

Senior Boardman High School

Steven Hiner Holy Family, Poland

Senior Cardinal Mooney High School

Anna Hughes Holy Family, Poland

Senior Cardinal Mooney High School

Anthony Joseph Jones St. Joseph, Massillon

Senior Perry High School

Justin David McLemore St. Paul the Apostle, New Middletown

Senior Springfield Local High School

Giovanni R. Mileto St. Patrick, Hubbard

Senior Hubbard High School

Reagan Phillips Little Flower, Middlebranch

Senior Hoover High School

Barrett Christopher Scheatzle St. Michael, Canton

Senior Canton Central Catholic High School

Aja N. Shriver Regina Coeli, Alliance

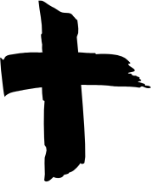
Senior St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Patrick Michael Joseph Wilson St. Stephen, Niles

Senior Ursuline High School

Grace Witmer St. Jude, Columbiana

Senior Columbiana High School



The 2021 EAGLE OF THE CROSS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Blake Abbott St. Mary, Massillon

Senior Canton Central Catholic High School

Morgan Anderson Our Lady of Peace, Ashtabula

Senior St. John School

Megan Brockway Holy Family, Poland

Senior Ursuline High School

David J. DiSalvatore Our Lady of Peace, Ashtabula

Senior St. John School

Brooklyn Duguay Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Aurora

Senior Aurora High School

Lena Dunkerley St. Patrick, Hubbard

Senior Hubbard High School

Aaron Ferguson St. Michael, Canfield

Senior Canfield High School

Victoria Flores Holy Trinity, East Liverpool

Senior Columbiana High School

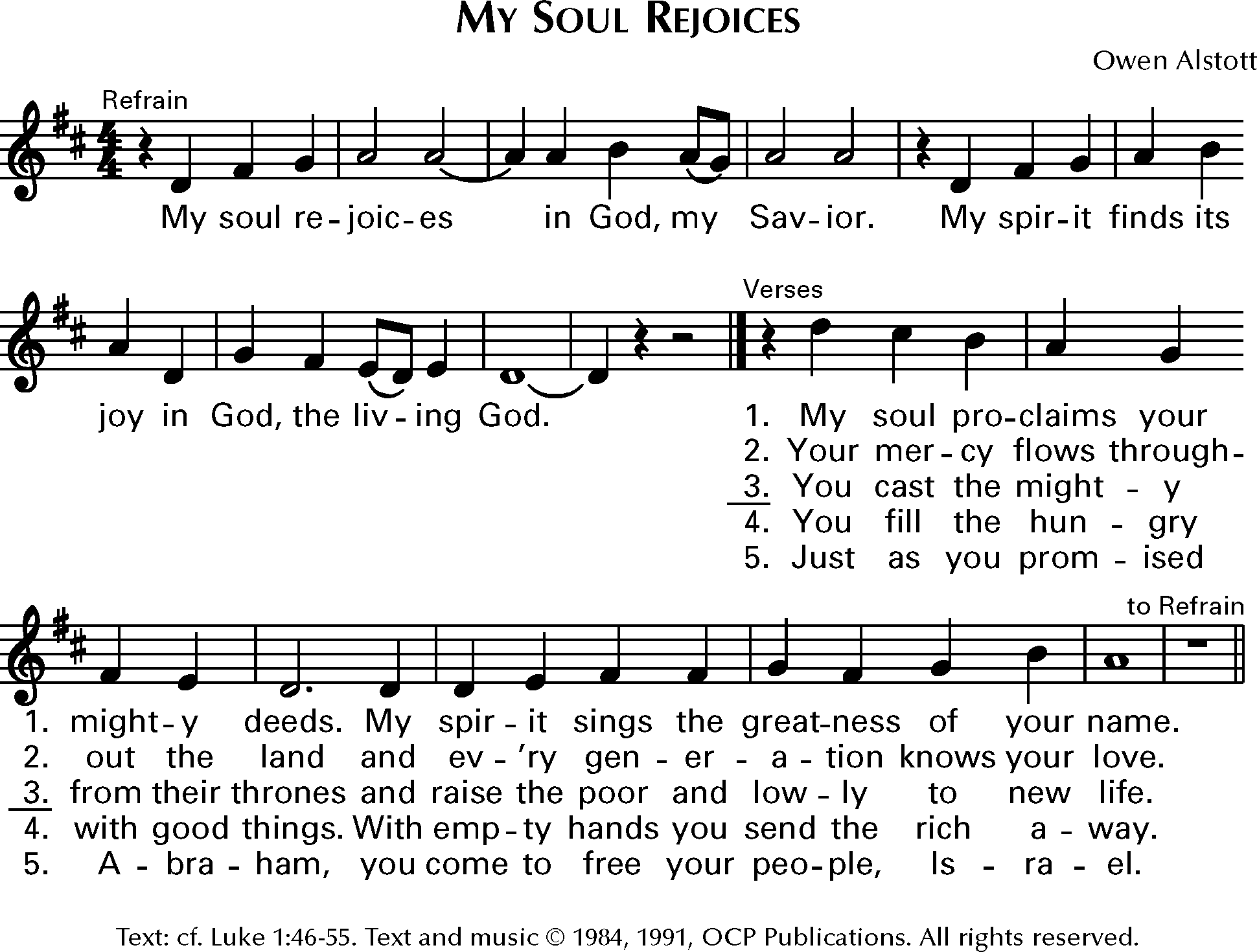
Nikolas Hackett St. Rose, Girard

Senior Ursuline High School

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**GOSPEL CANTICLE**

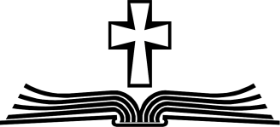
Please stand and make the Sign of the Cross as you begin singing.



**Universal Prayers**

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Aaron Ferguson

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

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A Reflection on the “Eagle of the Cross” Award

Both the eagle and the cross are symbols deeply rooted in Scripture and Catholic tradition, and both speak to and about the young people being honored in this ceremony.

The cross…By the sign of the cross traced in Baptism, a person is marked forever as a follower of Jesus Christ. The cross is the trophy of victory of Jesus who overcame death and promises life forever. The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ who calls his disciples to “Take up [their] cross and follow [him],” and who has left us “an example that [we] should follow in his steps.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #618)

The eagle…A symbol of integrity and faithfulness, individuality and majestic beauty. The eagle is a symbol of God’s faithful love and care. Unique among birds for its clarity of vision the eagle is the only bird that can look directly into the sun. The Book of Revelation speaks of four living creatures around the throne of God, symbolizing the writers of the four Gospels. The eagle in Christian tradition represents the Gospel of John which begins directly with the vision of God: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God…” (John 1:1)

The eagle and the cross have a unique association in the person of John. As the youngest apostle, John was probably only a teenager and was the only apostle who stood near the cross of Jesus with Mary, his Mother. Just as he was one of the first disciples to be called by Jesus, John was the first person who ran to the tomb on Easter Morning; when he reached the tomb, the Scriptures record, “He saw and believed.” St. Paul wrote in his letter to Timothy, another young follower of Jesus, “Let no one disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all believers in the way you speak and behave, in your love, your faith and your purity. You have in you a spiritual gift…do not neglect it…”

(1 Timothy 4: 12, 14) © 1999, Sister Mary Brendon Zajac, SND

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**Awards Presentation**

**Opening Remarks** Cindee Case

Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

**Reflection on the Eagle of the Cross** Morgan Anderson

**Presentation of Awards** Most Reverend David J. Bonnar

Bishop of Youngstown

*A picture will be taken of each recipient as s/he receives the award.*

*A copy of the picture will be mailed to each recipient in the*

*weeks following this ceremony.*

*Family and friends are permitted to take pictures but are asked to avoid interfering with our professional photographer, Mr. Robert Zajack.*

**Closing Prayer** Most Reverend David J. Bonnar



Thank you for joining us.

Goodnight and safe travels!



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