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Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scholarship

Each year the National Catholic Committee on Scouting sponsors the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scholarship for deserving Catholic Eagle Scouts or Silver Award recipients. The purpose of the Scholarship is to honor Mr. Emmett J. Doerr who was a dedicated Catholic Scouter and a very active member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. He was the first recipient of the Brother Barnabus Founders Award. His other recognitions included the Silver Antelope, Silver Beaver and the St. George medals. The Doerr family and the NCCS are continuing his legacy by offering this scholarship in his name to five distinguished Catholic Scouts.

Eligibility requirements include but are not limited to being a practicing Catholic; full time High School Senior; registered young man or woman actively involved with a Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team or Venturing Crew; held or is currently holding a leadership role in his or her unit; earned Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII Religious Award; earned the Eagle Scout or Silver Award; provides service to his or her home parish; held or is currently holding a leadership role in a school or community organization other than scouting; application with four letters of recommendation (church, school, scouting unit and community); submit official high school transcript; and submit letter of acceptance from an accredited college if chosen as recipient.

Only applications received by March 1st will be considered. They are reviewed by the NCCS Scholarship Committee and the ten finalists are forwarded on to the Doerr family for final selection. The five winners are selected by April 1st and notified by May 15th. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final. To obtain an application, please go to the NCCS website at www.nccs-bsa.org and under the "Youth" download it. For more information or questions, feel free to contact Mary Ellen Yeomans at 770-977-2883 or meyeamans@bellsouth.net.

Boards of Review Set

The 2012 Boards of Review for older Boy, Girl and Venture Scouts are set for Saturday, February 25, 2012, at St. Catherine of Siena in Kennesaw beginning at 9 AM and March 3, 2012, at Good Shepherd in Cumming beginning at 9:00 AM for those in the Northeast Georgia area or those who can't make it the week before to Kennesaw. Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venture Crew applications for the National Catholic Quality Unit Award and the Bishop's Trophy and adult nominations for the Bronze Pelican and St. George Award are due to Tommy Treat, 3372 Corral Drive Marietta, GA 30066 no later than February 1, 2012. Girl Scout Bishop's Trophy applications as well as adult nominations for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Anne Awards are also due February 1, 2012, but should be sent to Tom and Jackie Welch, 4494 Park Place Terrace, Marietta, GA 30066.

2012 Archdiocesan Scout Mass

The 2012 Archdiocesan Scout Mass will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at St. Catherine of Siena in Kennesaw at 1 PM, with Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory as the principal celebrant. It is at this time that all older Boy, Girl and Venture Scouts receive their Religious Emblems (Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Mary the First Disciple and The Spirit Alive). It is also during this Mass that adults are recognized for their contributions to Catholic Scouting (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Ann Awards for Girl Scouts and Bronze Pelican and St. George Emblem for Boy Scouts) as well as individual units who have qualified for the National Catholic Quality Unit Award and possibly the Chaplain's Cup and Bishop's Trophy.

Update on Training

For anyone interested in being trained either as an Ad Altare Dei Counselor or Pope Pius XII Facilitator, please contact Deacon Tom Gotschall at 770-490-9436. If you would like to work with the girls on either their Mary, The First Disciple or The Spirit Alive Awards, please contact Lou Ann Piantieri at 770-924-2110. In order to work with either the older boys or girls on the above emblems, you must be a trained, certified Counselor/Facilitator. Both Lou Ann and Deacon Tom are more than happy to schedule training sessions as needed and wherever needed.

National Catholic Quality Unit Award

It is that time of the year again whereby we review our units for Quality Unit Status (Journey to Excellence as it is now called) and also National Catholic Quality Unit Award status. The requirements are easy to complete and if you are providing a quality program throughout the year, then this will be easy to complete. Wouldn't it be great to

recognize a large number of Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews at the Archdiocesan Scout Mass this March?

Archbishop John Francis Donoghue Award

The Atlanta Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting has initiated a new Award and a way to honor the late Archbishop John Francis Donoghue. Archbishop Donoghue, our Archbishop from 1993 till 2004, was a big supporter of Scouting and this is our way to recognize him and his contributions to Scouting in this Archdiocese. This Award will also recognize clergy or religious men and women for their contributions to the promotion of Scouting in the Catholic Church. A copy of the nomination form is attached to this newsletter and should be returned to Tommy Treat either by e-mail (treatt@bellsouth.net) or regular mail, 3372 Corral Drive, Marietta, GA 30066, no later than January 17, 2012.

Footsteps of American Saints Introduced

Introduced in 2008 by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, the Footsteps of American Saints encourages youth to learn about several different individuals who have shaped the American landscape of Catholicism in America. This religious activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, deeds and devotion to prayer and the sacraments inspire all American Catholics. In the Church calendar for the United States, some have the title of “Saint” and are venerated by the universal church, while others have the title of “Blessed” and are venerated by the local church. Some also have the title of “Venerable” and, while on their way to becoming a “Saint”, may be venerated by Catholics. All of them sought to follow Jesus. The goal is to share the lives of several Saints so that the youth may relate to what these people have done and maybe look to these individuals as role models. The Saints with memorials were introduced first, then Saints with optional memorials. The following Saints who were introduced in 2009 and 2010 as “Blessed” have since been canonized a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican: Blessed Damien of Molokai (who was canonized a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009), and Blessed Andre Bessette (who was canonized a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17, 2010). It is now been announced that two more of our American Saints will be elevated to “Saint” from “Blessed”—Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha” and “Blessed Mother Marianne Cope”. Their last miracles have been approved by Pope Benedict XVI and their Canonization Ceremony to “Saint” should be sometime later in 2012 at the Vatican. For a complete listing of all the Saints included in this program and the requirements for earning the patches, please see the National Catholic Committee’s website at www.nccs-bsa.org and under Youth go to Religious Activities section. This is available to both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all ages. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Yeomans at 770-977-2883 or meyeomans@bellsouth.net.

January 21, 2012 Program Planning Meeting

On January 21, 2012, our Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting meeting will primarily be devoted to program planning for the coming year as well as reviewing the 2012 budget. Everyone is invited to attend. The meeting will be held at All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody in the Monsignor Kiernan Scout Hut beginning at 9:30 AM and will last approximately three hours. If you have something you would like placed on the agenda for the meeting, please contact either Tommy Treat, Committee Chairman, at treatt@bellsouth.net or Deacon Tom Gotshall, Archdiocesan Scout Chaplain, at gotschall@mindspring.com.

International Awareness Recognition

The International Catholic Conference on Scouting, a world wide organization, offers to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all levels as well as Scouters the opportunity to earn a Pin, Patch and/or Medallion Recognition. While the program has been in existence previously, the activities have either been expanded or been completely revised and new activities added. There are now four levels of activities—Cub Scout/ Brownie/Daisy Requirements (1-5 grade); Younger Boy Scout and Girl Scout Requirements (6-8 grade); older Boy and Girl Scout/Venturing (9th grade and up) and Scouter Requirements. The ICCS provides an opportunity for its members to come together as friends in the Catholic Church and links the Catholic Church and the Scouting Movement all over the world. It contributes to the education of young people through Scouting from the point of view of the Catholic faith. It develops and enhances the spiritual dimension of Scouting in the World Scout Movement. The Pope appoints priests to work with the ICCS as chaplains or ecclesiastical associates. This is an activity of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's International Committee and not a religious emblem program or award. The requirements may also be found on the NCCS Website under Youth and Religious Activities. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Yeomans.

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

(please check our website for additional information and updates)

<http://www.aaccos.org>

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| <i>January 21,
2012</i> | <i>Annual AACCOS Program Planning Meeting, All Saints—
Msgr. Kiernan Scout Bldg., 9:30 AM</i> |
| <i>February 1st</i> | <i>All adult and unit award nominations due to Tommy Treat and
Jackie Welch</i> |
| <i>February 25th</i> | <i>Boards of Review for Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Marian
Award, Mary the First Disciple and The Spirit Alive Religious
Emblem, 9 AM, St. Catherine of Siena, Kennesaw</i> |
| <i>February 25th</i> | <i>ACCOS Meeting immediately following Boards of Review</i> |

March 3rd Boards of Review fir Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Marian Award,
Mary, the First Disciple and The Spirit Alive Awards, 9 AM, Good
Shepherd, Cumming

March 31st Archdiocesan Scout Mass with Archbishop Gregory, 1 PM,
St. Catherine of Siena, Kennesaw

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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<i>Girl Scout Emblems</i>	<i>Tom & Jackie Welch</i>	<i>770-650-1811</i>
<i>Boy Scout & Cub Scout Emblems</i>	<i>Tommy Treat</i>	<i>770-973-2007</i>
<i>Membership Chairman</i>	<i>Bill Leach</i>	<i>678-682-8148</i>
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<i>The Girl Scout Council of Greater Atlanta and Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia</i>	<i>Tom & Jackie Welch Lou Ann Piantieri</i>	<i>770-650-1811 770-924-2110</i>
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CAMPFIRE USA CONTACTS

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NCCS Website*

<http://www.aaccos.org>
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Archbishop John Francis Donoghue Award Nomination Form

THE AWARD RECOGNIZES CLERGY OR RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF SCOUTING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

NOMINEE NAME: _____

PARISH: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

WHY DOES THE NOMINEE DESERVE RECOGNITION? (BE SPECIFIC):

ADDITIONAL SCOUTING, COMMUNITY, RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES. (ATTACH SEPARATE RESUME IF DESIRED.):
