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Athens and Marietta Troops Take Top Honors

The Atlanta Archdiocesan Scout Mass held April 21, 2007, at Prince of Peace in Flowery Branch recognized two Boy Scout Troops—**Troop 75** sponsored by **the Catholic Church of the Transfiguration in Marietta** and **Troop 326** sponsored by **Knights of Columbus Council 6514, St. Joseph--Athens**—for their commitment to Catholic Scouting and outstanding service to the community and their Church by awarding them the Chaplain's Cup (Troop 75) and the Bishop's Trophy (Troop 326). It was at this time that Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts received their Marian Award, Spirit Alive Award, Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Awards and adult Scouters were recognized for their service to the young people within their units and the community. Outstanding units were also recognized for their work.

Among those girls recognized with the **Marian Award** were: **St. Catherine of Sienna:** Coleen DePeter, Michelle Jolly, Tyler LaPointe, Courtney Mikollwsky and Stephanie Petell; **St. James the Apostle:** Carolyn Pesce; **St. Mary Magdalene:** Amanda Keller, Rebecca Keller and Claire Lundy; **St. Thomas Aquinas:** Haley Albright, Allison Mueller and Tabitha Shamis; and **Catholic Church of the Transfiguration:** Emily MacDonald. The following girls were awarded their **Spirit Alive Award** at the Mass: **St. Anthony of Padua:** Anique Austin, Sarah Burt, Dara Dean, Tenita Farley, Whitney Farley, Beverly Hairston and Darrian Linton.

In addition to the above mentioned girls, the following boys were recognized with their **Ad Altare Dei Award:** **Holy Spirit:** John Carolin, Richard Hubbard, Ramon Munoz, Alexander Thomas, Gus Wheeler, Alex Williams and Ryan Williams; **Prince of Peace:** Sean Heenie, Erich Kelley, Alexander Martin, Thomas Miklos, Nick Sherrill and Joey Yarrow; **St. Andrew:** Robert Gotschall, Howard "Chip" Lovejoy, Sean Regan and Patrick Smith; **Catholic Church of St. Ann:** Evan Cahill, Michael Grimshaw and Kevin ODonnell; **St. Anna:** Joshua Harlan, Samuel Hunt, Connor McKenzie, Keenan McKenzie, Warren Parsons and Timothy Poppelreuter; **St. Helena:** D. J. Starzer; **St. Joseph--Athens:** A. J. McLean and Terry Sanzo; **St. Mary Magdalene:** Anders Livingston and Douglas Lundy; **St. Mark:** Jonathon Dunlap, Kevin Hamilton, Luke Hamilton, Mark Hamilton, Darien Latty and Reilly Mahon; **Catholic Church of the Transfiguration:** Alex Hartley, Nathan Kostal, Chris Nani, Nicholas Rule, Brendan Simons and Zach Wigginton. The following Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts were awarded their **Pope Pius XII Award:** **St. Monica:** Nicholas Mahoney; **Prince of Peace:** Kai DeBlasio, John Miklos, Mike Outlaw and Jacob Schwartz; **St. John Vianney:** Kyle Jourden; and **University Catholic Center--Emory:** Frances Voll.

Among the adults being recognized at the Mass were the following who received the **Bronze Pelican Award** for their work with the Boy Scout Religious Emblem programs of a parish or to a Catholic in a scout unit not sponsored by the church: **Prince of Peace:** Robert DeRoth and Phil Krajec; **St. Andrew:** Deacon Tom Gotschall and William "Bill"

Leach; **Catholic Church of St. Ann:** Melinda Epperson and Scott Harris; **St. Anna—Monroe:** Warren Parsons; **St. Catherine of Sienna:** Tom Ryan; **St. Joseph—Athens:** Terry Jackson and **Catholic Church of the Transfiguration:** Martha Brand and Misty Wright. The **St. George Award** which is a national recognition approved by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting recognizes the recipient's outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Boy Scout program. The 2007 recipients are: **Immaculate Heart of Mary:** Thomas E. Bender and **Prince of Peace:** Marla King and Fr. Fred Wendell.

Along with the individual awards there were several units that were also recognized for their religious activities both inside and outside their regular meetings. The following units were awarded the Pope Paul VI Unit Award for their activities during 2006: **Catholic Church of the Transfiguration:** Pack 75 and Troop 75; **St. Monica:** Pack 827; **Catholic Church of St. Ann:** Pack 1776; **St. Andrew:** Pack 2006; **Knights Of Columbus Council 6514,** St. Joseph—Athens: Troop 326 and **Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of LaSalette Council 8376,** Catholic Church of St. Ann: Troop 1776.

The **Golden Medallion Award** Program was established to identify and recognize the outstanding Catholic Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew/Ship in each of the fourteen Episcopal Regions of the United States. National Golden Medallion winners epitomize those units that excel at providing youth with quality programs including religious activities, emblems, outdoor activities and special events that encompass the religious, vocational and educational aspects of Scouting under Catholic auspices. **Pack 1776 from the Catholic Church of St. Ann in Marietta was awarded the Golden Medallion Award as the top Cub Scout Pack for Region 14.**

For the fourth year in a row the Archdiocese of Atlanta has been recognized As a Quality Diocese. What does that mean? How about high grade, great excellence or For an even better description **THE BEST OF THE BEST!** The award was introduced in 2002 and reworked beginning in 2003. This award recognizes a Quality Diocese whenever it achieves certain **national** standards. For the year 2006, Atlanta was one of only 96 (Arch)dioceses across the United States to receive this award.

Rosary Patch

The Rosary Patch Series, which was due to end June 30, 2007, has been extended indefinitely. All four Mysteries of the Rosary (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious) have now been introduced. The requirements may be downloaded from our website www.aaccos.org or from the NCCS website www.nccs-bsa.org. Some of the questions may require some research (biblical reference), however, the purpose of earning the patch is to further your understanding of the birth, ministry, passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each patch is \$4 and may be earned by Tigers, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts (Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors), Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Adults. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Ellen Yeomans at 770-977-2883.

Girl Scout Millennium Patch Program

We, in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, have instituted a Girl Scout Millennium Patch program for Girl Scouts of all ages. The requirements are posted on our website www.aaccos.org or may be obtained from Mary Ellen Yeomans at 770-977-2883. Upon completion of the program, a request for patches should be sent to Mary Ellen Yeomans. The patches are \$1 each and may be earned by all levels of Girl Scouting including adults.

Girl Scout Alternate Medal Programs

The Archdiocese of Atlanta has instituted additional Religious Medal programs—Ave Maria for Brownies, Regina Coeli for Juniors and St. Agnes Award for Cadettes and Seniors. These new programs do NOT replace the original Religious Emblem programs (Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary, the First Disciple and Spirit Alive). These new programs are in addition to the others and should only be used by girls who have completed their initial emblem program and are not ready to begin their next level program because of their level in scouting. Contact Mary Ellen Yeomans for more information.

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

(please check our website for additional information and updates)

<http://www.aaccos.org>

- September 22nd** **AACCOS Quarterly Meeting, All Saints Scout Hut, 9:30 AM**
- October 26- 28th** **Duty to God Encampment, Bert Adams Scout Reservation**
- January 19, 2008** **Quarterly Meeting and Annual Planning Meeting, All Saints Scout Hut, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM**
- March 15th** **Boards of Review-NE GA Council, 9:00 AM, Place TBA**
- March 29th** **Boards of Review, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta, 9:00 AM**
- March 29th** **Quarterly Meeting immediately following Boards of Review, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church**
- May 3rd** **Archdiocesan Scout Mass, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta 2:00 PM, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory Principal Celebrant**
- November 7-9th** **AACCOS Adult Retreat
Place and Time: TBA**

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