

Catholic Community Foundation Awards Charitable Activities of Grade School Students



Mother Theresa believed that often people “feel that what they are doing is just a drop in the ocean; but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.” On April 11, 2007 the Catholic Community Foundation honored 13 students whose acts of selfless volunteerism translate into insurmountable changes within our society. In a ceremony held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted honored 13 eighth grade students before their family, friends, and sponsors with the annual Christian Service Award.

The Christian Service Award was designed to honor 8th grade students who exhibit exceptional Christian behavior by performing service based activities within their school, parish and community. The students were nominated by a non-family adult who was aware of the volunteer activities of the student. The nominated student then submitted three letters of reference, and an essay written as a reflection of a given scripture passage. The award recognizes students for their service and encourages them to continue their community service through high school. The winners are awarded \$8,000, paid out over 4 years to the Catholic High School the student chooses to attend.

All awards are sponsored by the generous donations of parishioners within the Diocese. The Foundation is fortunate enough to be able to present 14 awards next year thanks to the additional generosity of major benefactors.

The 2007 Christian Service Award Winners are:

Bridget Bohman from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, to attend Xavier
John Borst from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, to attend Brophy
Grace Flynn from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, to attend Xavier
Chase Fitzgerald from Basis Scottsdale, to attend Brophy
Sarah Lewis from Pope John XXIII, to attend Notre Dame
Virginia Lansing from Saint Gregory's, to attend Bourgade
Tara Lucero from Saint Gregory's, to attend Bourgade
Uchechi Megwa from Saint Catherine of Sienna, to attend Brophy
Theresa Maloney from Altadena Middle School, to attend Xavier
Erin Tucker from Most Holy Trinity, to attend Xavier
Estevan Wetzel from Most Holy Trinity, to attend Saint Mary's
Sienna Wyse from Ss. Simon and Jude, to attend Xavier
Molly Wilmer from Saint Francis Xavier, to attend Xavier

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