



Brother Barnabas

The Brother Barnabas Founders Award is the highest award given by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. It recognizes individuals who have significantly affected the course of Catholic Scouting through long and meritorious service.

The NCCS presents the award at their Annual or Biennial meeting. Nominations are put forward by the National Chair and approved by the NCCS Executive Committee. The Brother Barnabas recognition is not a Adult Religious Emblem and the recipient is not eligible to receive the BSA Adult religious knot.

Background:

Brother Barnabas, F.S.C., a Brother of the Christian Schools, was involved with Youth work in the New York City area for his entire life. Brother Barnabas was a driving force in the early years of Catholic Youth ministry founding one of the earliest Catholic Troops at St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1912. He wrote an original plan of organization in 1926 and is credited with creating the formal association between the Catholic bishops of the United State and the Boy Scouts of America. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting is a product and now the steward of this relationship. The Knights of Columbus hired him when they adopted the program as their youth program for boys and later aided the development of the Columbian Squires.

Recipients of the Brother Barnabas Founders Award are:

Emmett Doerr -- April 1992 (in Nashville)

Henry Murphy -- April 1994 (in Albuquerque)

Jack Deckenbach -- April 1997 (Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in Sacramento)

Marvin Smith -- April 1997 (Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, in Sacramento)

Frank Rossomondo -- April 1998 (Archdiocese of Washington, in Columbus)

Fr. Joe Carroll -- April 2000 (Diocese of San Diego, in Richmond)

Msgr. Richard P. LaRocque -- (approved October 2001, presented April 2004 St. Louis)

David Garrison -- November 2003 (Washington DC Bishops' Meeting)

Msgr. (now Bishop) Robert Guglielmone -- April 2004 (Diocese of Rockville Center, in St. Louis)

Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville -- April 2007 (in Milwaukee)

John Ribar Sr. -- April 2008 (Archdiocese of Louisville, in Louisville)

Edward Gargiulo -- April 2009 (Diocese of Wilmington, in Galveston)

Fr. Randy Cuevas -- April 2012 (Diocese of Baton Rouge, in Irving)

Fr. Leo LeBlanc -- April 2012 (Diocese of Manchester, in Irving)

Fr. Donald Hummel -- April 2014 (Diocese of Newark, in Irvine)

Fr. Dennis J. O'Rourke -- April 2014 (Diocese of Phoenix, in Irvine)

Fr. Raymond L. Fecteau -- April 2016 (Archdiocese of Washington, in Atlanta)

William (Bill) E. Davies -- April 2018 (Diocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in Minneapolis)

Edward P. Martin -- April 2018 (Diocese of Cleveland, in Minneapolis)

George Sparks - November 2021 (Diocese of Fort Worth)

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