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National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships

Sean Castillo Awarded \$2,000 College Scholarship

Rociada, NM – Sean Castillo from Liberty Township, OH has been awarded a \$2000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 914 in the Dan Beard Council. This year ten service scholarships totaling \$27,000 were awarded nationwide to recognize Scouts for outstanding service and leadership in four areas: Church, community, school and Scouting.

Castillo truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important, he responded, *“As a Catholic, I am called to be of service to others. No matter my state in life, I am called to make a gift of myself to others just as Jesus gave Himself to us on the Cross... There’s no better way to express love for another or love for God than through service.”*

In service to the Catholic Church, Castillo has earned three of the religious emblems offered by NCCS and served as an altar server, Eucharistic minister and retreat leader. He has been both a youth group and jr. high youth group leader and has volunteered over 800 hours at his parish. He is also a member of the Dead Theologians Society, a Catholic youth ministry program dedicated to enriching the faith of young Catholics through the lost art of storytelling.

In his community Castillo served with Matthew 25: Ministries, an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization. He also volunteered with the Downs Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati and worked as a lifeguard at the local water park.

At Lakota East High School, Castillo is a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Language Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was on the Honor Roll for four years and is a National Hispanic Recognition Award recipient. In sports, Castillo participated in cross country and track. He was also a member of Teens for Christ Bible Study and Letters for Rose, an organization dedicated to reducing loneliness among elders by distributing letters, artwork and donations.

In Scouting, Castillo served his troop as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Chaplain's Aid, and Historian. For his Eagle Scout project, he led his fellow Scouts in establishing a Marian courtyard at his parish. His team constructed a 4-course high retaining wall, planted new landscaping and added a pedestal for a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To be eligible to apply for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Scholarships, the Scout must be Catholic, earned the Ad Altare Dei and/ or Pope Pius XII Awards, and received either the Eagle Scout, Summit or Quartermaster Award. A complete list of award recipients, eligibility requirements and applications can be found at <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>. NCCS Scholarship recipients have been chosen because they are committed to making a difference for good in the world through service and leadership.

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For more information on NCCS Scholarships and Catholic Scouting:

NCCS Website: <https://nccs-bsa.org/>

NCCS Scholarship Page: <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>

Catholic Scouting Website affiliated with NCCS: <https://catholicscouting.com>