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The 2017 Region 11 Meredith Merlini Catholic Youth Scholarship Program

2017 Scholarship Award Announcement

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The Region 11 CYO Board of Athletic Directors is pleased to announce the award recipients of our 2017 Scholarship Program for graduating 8th graders from member parishes who are continuing their education this Fall at an Archdiocesan or private Catholic high school.

In the program this year we received 33 essays for scholarship consideration. We gave an example from the 2016 Olympics where two runners in the 5,000 meters tripped and fell, but then helped each other get up and finish the race together. We asked the students to give two other examples from the world of sports - plus a personal experience - that similarly exemplify our CYO ideals of good sportsmanship.

An independent panel of eight former but long-time CYO coaches and administrators who no longer coached CYO nor had children attending elementary school was formed to review the essays anonymously to ensure an unbiased evaluation. The committee initially evaluated all 33 essays and chose 11 essays as finalists. Those 11 finalist essays were then re-evaluated and the judges ultimately chose five students to each be awarded a \$500 Region 11 CYO Scholarship.

The 2017 Region 11 CYO Scholarship Award recipients are:

Erin Jolly – St. Luke the Evangelist parish and St. Joseph the Protector school

Erin will be attending Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School this Fall

Joachim McElroy – St. Hilary of Poitiers parish and school

Joachim will be attending Bishop McDevitt High School this Fall

Aidan McShane – St. Albert the Great parish and school

Aidan will be attending Father Judge High School this Fall

Stephanie Motz – Our Lady Help of Christians parish and Queen of Angels school

Stephanie will be attending Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School this Fall

Alexandra Whelan – St. John Bosco parish and Queen of Angels school

Alexandra will be attending St. Basil Academy this Fall

Congratulations to our 2017 Region 11 CYO Meredith Merlini Scholarship Award Recipients.