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The 2023 Region 11 Meredith Merlini Catholic Youth Scholarship Program

2023 Scholarship Award Announcement

Summer 2023

The Region 11 CYO Board of Athletic Directors is pleased to announce the award recipients of our 2023 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 55 essays for scholarship consideration. We asked the students to write about two Catholic icons who would make good patron saints for Region 11 CYO.

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 55 essays and chose 13 essays as finalists. Those 13 finalist essays were then re-evaluated and the judges ultimately chose five students to each be awarded a \$1,000 Region 11 CYO Scholarship.

The 2023 Region 11 CYO Scholarship Award recipients are:

Makayla Finnegan – Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

Makayla wrote about St Joan of Arc and St Barnabas

She will be attending Archbishop Wood High School this Fall

Meredith Hawkinson – St Albert the Great Parish and School

Meredith wrote about St Francis de Sales and St Gemma Galgani

She will be attending Nazareth Academy High School this Fall

Olivia Lorenz – Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and School

Olivia wrote about St Monica and St Phillip Neri

She will be attending Archbishop Wood High School this Fall

Sydney Podder – St Luke the Evangelist Parish and School

Sydney wrote about St Vincent de Paul and St Phillip Neri

She will be attending Mount Saint Joseph Academy this Fall

Brendan Sock – Nativity of Our Lord Parish and School

Brendan wrote about Saint Pope John Paul II and St Angela Merici

He will be attending La Salle College High School this Fall

Congratulations to our 2023 Region 11 CYO Meredith Merlini Scholarship Award Recipients.