

The Archbishop McCarthy Religious Recognition/Award

The Archdiocesan Committee on Catholic Scouting established the Archbishop McCarthy Religious Recognition/Award in 1994 as our Archdiocese's highest Catholic Scouting honor. We are pleased to announce that we are now extending the opportunity to earn this prestigious award to all outstanding Catholic youth throughout the State of Florida. Honorees must be sponsored by a Catholic Institution (Parish, Hospital, School, Scouting Unit, Knights of Columbus, Charity, Religious Order, etc.) and must complete the Award's specific requirements.

Upon completion of the work requirements, the Nominee or sponsor submits the Nomination Form, Award Binder, and \$50 fee to the Archdiocesan Office of Bishop Estevez, care of Hilda Mendez, as explained in the General Instructions. A Committee review of the Nominee's work will be completed within 60 days and the sponsoring Catholic institution and the Nominee will be notified of the result of the Committee's review.

Please take a moment to read the short biography of Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, attached.

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General Instructions

I. Purpose

The Purpose of this Religious Award is to recognize the achievements of outstanding Catholic youth between the ages of 14 and 20. Specifically, The Archbishop McCarthy Recognition/Award celebrates those Catholic youth who have drawn most favorable attention to themselves through their good works and who have enriched their lives through:

- Exploring Their Catholic Social Justice Heritage
- Participating in a Catholic Spiritual Experience (Retreat)
- Giving Service to Family, Church, Community, and Country

II. Eligibility

Catholic youth nominated by a Parish or Catholic Institution (e.g., Knights of Columbus, Hospital, Charity, Religious Order, School, Scouting Unit) and living within the State of Florida. Specifically the youth must be:

- Age 14 – 20
- A practicing Catholic
- Recognized by the Sponsor to be an outstanding example of Catholic youth

III. Award's Work Requirement – Instructions to the Nominee

Materials you will need:

- A standard 3 ring binder, not to exceed 1-½ inch wide
- A Copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- A copy of the U.S. Bishop's pastoral letter: *ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL*

Overall Guidance:

- Work may be typed or hand written or a combination of both
- Do not hesitate to back up your comments with photos, Retreat Handouts, Thank You Notes, Invitations, Newspaper Clippings, and/or Internet Articles...as long as they illustrate or provide the Review Committee a fuller understanding of your submitted material.

Getting Started

The 1-½" Archbishop McCarthy Religious Award Binder should be organized into 4 Sections:

- Section 1: Nomination Form and General Instructions
- Section 2: Exploring My Catholic Social Justice Heritage
- Section 3: Participating in a Catholic Spiritual Experience (Retreat)
- Section 4: Giving Service to Family, Church, Community, and Country

Section Detail

Section 1 – Nomination Form and General Instructions

- Completed Nomination Form signed by the Sponsor
- The Archbishop McCarthy Recognition/Award General Instructions

Section 2 - Exploring My Catholic Social Justice Heritage

- Organize into Tabs labeled A, B, C, D, E, and F
- Tab A: Using the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*/The Seventh Commandment answer the following question: **What is the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church?**
- Tab B: Using the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*/The Seventh Commandment answer the following question by explaining in your own words your understanding of the themes: **What are the major themes of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church?**
- Tab C: Referring to the U.S. Bishop's pastoral letter: *ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL*/chapter II: The Christian Vision of Economic Life, address each of the following:
 - a) Summarize the 7 points of Part A, *Biblical Perspectives*
 - b) Contrast and compare the biblical and secular definitions of justice
 - c) What did Jesus teach us about poverty and wealth? Support your answer with specific citations from the Gospels.
 - d) What is our mission as disciples of Jesus?
- Tab D: Referring to the U.S. Bishop's pastoral letter: *ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL*/chapter III: Selected Economic Policy Issues identify several major social problems in the area where you live within the State of Florida, several national social problems, and several global social problems.
- Tab E: Select two of the social issues you identified in Tab D and analyze their causes. Distinguish between personal causes (e.g., loss of jobs, drought) and societal causes (e.g., discrimination, cronyism/caste systems).
- Tab F: Your community should have a variety of established social service agencies (both: non-profit and for-profit, religious, government, etc.). Name two (2) social service agencies for each of the two (2) social issues you analyzed in Tab E that are dedicated to remedy or at least mitigate these social issues. For each of the resulting four (4) social service agencies you selected identify:
 - a) Services offered by the agency
 - b) Volunteer opportunities within their organization
 - c) The material needs and funding source of the agency
 - d) Contact number and person for volunteers
 - e) Contact number and person for those seeking assistance
 - f) The permissions or credentials needed to volunteer (e.g., background screening, over 16 years of age, parent's permission, high school diploma)

Section 3 – Participating in a Catholic Spiritual Experience (Retreat)

- Keep a Diary during your stay at the Retreat, however do **NOT** include it with the Award Binder submission
- Organize into Tabs labeled A,B,C,D
- Tab A: What was the general Theme for this Retreat? Did it provide you a practical exploration or questioning of your Catholic faith as then practiced by you in your home, school, work, or social life?
- Tab B: How long was the Retreat? If you stayed over one night or several days, how do you think the amount of time spent at the Retreat had an affect on you?
- Tab C: How were you ‘affected’ or ‘changed’ by the Retreat, perhaps a little more ‘enlightened’? Perhaps rested or more ready to take on the world again? Or were you disquieted or felt uneasy, and this sense of unrest persisted after the Retreat and your return home?
- Tab D: Summarize the Retreat’s Agenda in detail and events in chronological order.

Section 4 – Giving Service to Family, Church, Community, and Country

- Organize into Tabs labeled A,B,C
- Tab A: Reflect on the following statements:

There are varieties of venues in which a servant of God may elect to spend themselves for others.

To paraphrase Mother Teresa: The freely given service of one brings peace to both the one who gave and the one who received.

To paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: There is no man so poor he does not have something to give or so rich he no longer needs.

After reflection write down your thoughts and discuss how you came to know that these statements are a true reflection of our Catholic Faith. Consider quoting Jesus or referencing the New Testament to reinforce or substantiate your points of view.

- Tab B: Utilizing the following venues as guides (or add in new ones from your personal experience):
 - a) Summarize YOUR SERVICE to Family, Church, Community, and County over the past 2 years. Recall the positive effect you had on those you helped. We suggest including Siblings, Parents, Grandparents, Uncles/Aunts, Neighbors, Friends, Strangers that were needy or angry or lonely or despairing, or disadvantaged, or misguided.....do not merely include people who are poor, disabled, or elderly.
- Tab C: Also utilizing these same venues from Tab B (or adding new ones from personal experience):

- a) Summarize the SERVICE DONE TO YOU by your Family, Church, Community, and Country remembering the positive effect they had upon you.

IV. Review Process

Once you have completed your Award Binder, please have your Sponsor's Representative Review the Award Binder and complete the Nomination Form. Send the Award Binder (be sure to include the completed Nomination Form in Section 1) and \$50 to:

The Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Center
Bishop Estevez Office, c/o Hilda Mendez
Archdiocesan Committee on Catholic Scouting Youth Awards
9401 Biscayne Blvd
Miami, Florida 33138

An e-mail confirmation receipt of the Award packet will be sent to the addresses provided on the Nomination Form.

Within 60 days of receipt, the Award Committee will review the Award Binder and Nomination Form and notify the Sponsor and Nominee via e-mail of the result of their review. Upon obtaining a positive result from the Committee's review, The Archbishop McCarthy Religious Recognition/Award will be sent to the Sponsor's Representative along with the Nominee's submitted Award Binder.

Any questions should be directed to the Catholic Youth Awards Office, Hilda Mendez, Religious Awards Coordinator at 305.762.1245.

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Nomination Form

Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Mailing Address of Nominee: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Sponsoring Parish or Catholic Institution: _____

Sponsoring Institution Address: _____

Sponsor's Representative: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Sponsor's Attestation

I hereby nominate _____ for the Archbishop McCarthy Religious Recognition/Award. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the Nominee is a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, and has faithfully fulfilled all the requirements for this Award.

Representative's Signature: _____

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR COMMENTS AND SIGNATURES OF THE REVIEWING COMMITTEE

Date of Committee Review: _____ Seal: _____

ARCHBISHOP EDWARD ANTHONY MCCARTHY, D.D., S.T.D., J.C.D., M.A.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Born: April 10, 1918, Cincinnati, Ohio

- One of five siblings, four of whom chose the religious life; two of his brothers, Norbert (now deceased) and Donald, priests in Ohio and a sister, Catherine, a retired Sister of Charity.
- Died June 7, 2005, Miami, Florida at age 87.

Ordained:

- To the priesthood, May 29, 1943
- Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, June 15, 1965
- Appointed First Bishop of Phoenix, Arizona, August 25, 1969
- Appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Miami, with right of succession, July 5, 1976
- Assumed leadership of the Archdiocese of Miami, July 26, 1977, upon the death of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll
- Submitted his resignation as Archbishop of Miami in 1993, at the Vatican-required age of 75

Education:

- St. Gregory Seminary and Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio
- Doctor of Canon Law, summa cum laude, from the Appolinare, the School of Canon Law at the Lateran University, Rome (1947)
- Doctor of Sacred Theology, magna cum laude, from the Angelicum University, Rome (1948)
- Master's Degree in Philosophy, from the Atheneum of Ohio

HIGHLIGHTS OF MINISTRY IN ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

- Established Family Enrichment Center, Office of Lay Ministry, Permanent Diaconate program and Office of Community Relations and Public Information (1978)
- Re-organized Archdiocese into seven ministries: General Services, Temporalities, Christian Formation, Christian Service, Pastoral Services, Person, and Worship and Spiritual Life (1979)
- Issued "Pastoral Guidelines for Marriage Preparation", which require a four-month waiting and preparation period for all couples seeking to be married in the Archdiocese (1980)
- Established Office of Evangelization and launched five-year plan of evangelization (1980-1985), which focused on a different theme each year: Family, Parish, Faith, Prayer, and Love
- Dedicated Pierre Toussaint Haitian Catholic Center (1981) to provide spiritual home as well as English classes, day care and referral services for South Florida's Haitian refugees
- Visited Haitian at Krome Avenue camp on Christmas Eve, then sent a telegram to President Reagan protesting policy of indefinite detention for Haitian refugees claiming political asylum (1981), a plea that would be repeated throughout the '80s

- Traveled to Cuba with Auxiliary Bishop John Nevins, to attend the installation of Havana Archbishop Jaime Lucas Ortega (December, 1981)
- Ordained the Archdiocese's first black priest, Cuban Born Father Sergio Carrillo (1982); first Haitian priest, Father Jean Pierre (1988) and its first Nicaraguan priest, Father Oscar Brantome (1989), who also became the first Nicaraguan Pastor
- Dedicated new home for Archdiocesan offices, the Pastoral Center in Miami Shores, a Spanish-style building which he helped design (1983)
- Presided over the division of the Archdiocese of Miami and the creation of two new Florida dioceses, Palm Beach and Venice (1984)
- To give "greater credence" to the Church's anti-abortion stand, promised "to assist every woman of any faith – or no faith – who is in financial need and chooses life for their child rather than death by abortion" (1985)
- Called for first-ever Archdiocesan Synod, a massive three-year process of self-examination and planning for the future which elicited the views and suggestions of thousands of South Florida Catholics; it was also the first synod to be called in Florida in 28 years (1985)
- Vigorously opposed, alone and together with Florida's other bishops, the death penalty, casino gambling, restrictive immigration policies, and the establishment of health clinics that provided contraceptives and abortion referrals to high school students; supported tuition tax credits for parents of children in private schools
- Created a new Archdiocesan agency, now known as Catholic Health Services, to deal exclusively with the building and management of low-cost apartments and health care facilities for the elderly (1986)
- Welcomed Pope John Paul II to South Florida (1987)
- Established Genesis I, a home for homeless AIDS patients (1988), and consistently called for compassion and support for victims of the disease
- Took over sponsorship of St. Thomas University, making it the only diocesan-sponsored Catholic university in Florida (1988)
- Created an Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, composed mainly of lay people, to advise him on the running of the Archdiocese; also established a Social Advocacy Commission to study social justice issues, propose solutions and advocate "the pursuit of justice" throughout the Archdiocese (1990)
- Received the Pope Paul VI Evangelization Award from the National Catholic Evangelization Association (1991)
- Began Radio Peace, 13 hours of Catholic programming in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, on WKAT-AM 1360 (1993)
- To mark the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, created the Archbishop McCarthy Foundation for child Care, and Archdiocesan endowment that began with \$235,000 raised at a dinner in his honor (May, 1993)

- Attended the ground breaking and blessing of a new archdiocesan high school named in his honor, Archbishop Edward McCarthy High School in Fort Lauderdale (opened in fall, 1998); regularly visited and corresponded with the students

PASTORAL LETTERS

- "Holy Year 1978: A Lenten Pastoral Letter" (January, 1978)
- "Light Up Your Lives" (Inauguration of Evangelization program, January, 1980)
- "Your Light Must Shine" (On the first anniversary of Miami's worst race riot, March, 1981)
- "Instructions on Integrating Moral and Spiritual Values in Sex Education" (March, 1982)
- "Your Light Must Shine: Jubilee Year of Faith and Reconciliation" (September, 1982)
- "One People Under God: A Pastoral Letter on Racism" (January, 1983)
- "A Pastoral Letter of the Indian People of the Archdiocese of Miami" (July, 1983)
- "From the Rising of the Sun...to its Setting: A Pastoral Letter on Prayer" (September, 1983)
- "Discovering the Lord: A Call to Evangelization – Pastoral Letter to the Spanish Speaking on the Anniversary of the Discovery of America" (October, 1983)
- "The Priests and the Liturgy of the Hours" (January, 1984)
- "A Pastoral Letter to the Haitian People" (June, 1984)
- "Come Inherit the Kingdom: Pastoral Letter on Loving as the Secret of Happiness Here and Hereafter" (September, 1984)
- "A Pastoral Letter on Campus Ministry" (June, 1985)
- "It Was I Who Chose You: A 20th Anniversary Reflection on the Challenge of the Second Vatican Council to the Catholic Layperson" (September, 1985)
- "Blest Too the Peacemakers" (A Call to reconciliation, in preparation for Pope John Paul II's visit to South Florida, September, 1986)
- "Hail Mary: A Pastoral Letter on the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the People of the Archdiocese of Miami" (November, 1987)
- "A Pastoral Letter to Lovers" (May, 1989)
- "Impersonators of Christ at Work in South Florida" (Reflections on what it means to be a Catholic, on the 25th Anniversary of his ordination as bishop, June, 1990)
- "Pastoral Instruction on the New Age Movement" (November, 1991)
- "The Political Process: Ethics in Public Life" (July, 1992)
- "Pastoral Letter on *Humanae Vitae*" (July, 1993)
- "That We May Have Life and Have It Abundantly" (In preparation for Lent, February, 1994)
- "Priestly People: A Pastoral Letter on Prayer" (October, 1994)