



# 12th Annual "Eagle of the Cross Award" Nomination Form and Instructions

The Eagle of the Cross is an award given annually in the Diocese of Youngstown to outstanding juniors and seniors in high school, who show particular zeal in the improvement of their own parish ministry programs, high school ministry teams or youth work in general within the Diocese. Nominees must be Catholic and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works and Christian leadership. This award was created by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, and is the highest honor our diocese presents youth. In the Diocese of Youngstown a maximum of 2 awards per county and 2 awards per Catholic high school are awarded each year.

Nominations must be received at the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry by: **Friday, February 19, 2010**

Eagle of the Cross Awards: **Wednesday, April 21, 2010**

Send or Fax nominations to:  
**Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry**  
144 West Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503  
Fax: (330) 744-2848

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Nominee Information

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Female  Male

Nominee High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade  Junior  Senior

Nominator Information

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Information

Nominee Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Category and corresponding signature (Required)

County (Parish) – Pastor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic High School (within the diocese) – Principal Signature \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

## EAGLE OF THE CROSS NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Nominations may be submitted by: Pastors, Parish Staff, School Staff, Family Members or Friends.
- Multiple nominations for a young person will be judged together.
- Answers to the essay questions listed on this form is the principle material used for judging. Please give Specific Examples. Please be thorough.  
(An excerpt of your answers may appear in the program should your nominee be selected as a recipient.)
- Use this form (and additional paper, if necessary) to answer the essay questions about the young person you are nominating.
- Give as much information as possible, in order to assist the judges. Examples are important.
- Nominees in should have their most significant participation in the category for which they are nominated (i.e. School category – mostly school activities or County category – mostly parish actives)
- If nominating a youth in the Catholic High School Category, please note non-mandatory activities/service.
- This award is not geared toward quantitative hours of service, but to the integrity of the individual and how well he or she is perceived as an outstanding Catholic Christian.
- The completed form must be signed by the nominee's PASTOR for the COUNTY Category, or PRINCIPAL for the CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL category.
- Each nominator will be notified of their nominee's status following judging of the Eagle of the Cross nominations.

Some guidance as to the areas judged: these are by no means complete or definitive explanations.

Nominees receive from 1 – 3 points in each area (3=highest/1=lowest).

(i.e. 3=outstanding examples, 2=adequate examples, 1=minimal examples)

- ♦ **Moral Integrity:** Is there evidence of soundness, and adherence to a code of moral values guided by conscience or ethical judgment?
- ♦ **Prayer and spiritual life:** Is there evidence that this person is a practicing Catholic, and developing spiritually?
- ♦ **Personal Outreach to church and community:** Is this person involved in serving the parish/school community as well as the wider community through service and justice activities?
- ♦ **Contribution to parish and school programs:** Is this person involved in parish/school programs—youth/campus ministry, liturgical ministry, service, peer ministry, prayer groups, etc.?
- ♦ **Christian Leadership:** Does this person promote and model gospel values for others, especially his/her peers?
- ♦ **Diocesan Ministry Involvement:** Has this person participated in any diocesan, regional or national or international programs? (Those who are involved in these activities receive 1 extra point.)
  - i.e. Youth Congress, Youth Convention, Youth Council, Evangelization and Catechesis Conference, Liturgy Day, Chrism Mass, Night to Honor Mary or other diocesan celebrations, National Catholic Youth Conference, World Youth Day, Service trip, Ministry camp, etc.
- ♦ **If you have any questions, ask Faye at (330) 744-8451, X 281 or [fabbondanza@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:fabbondanza@youngstowndiocese.org).**

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1. How does this youth **Inspire You** as a Catholic Christian?

2. How does this young person demonstrate **Moral Integrity**?

3. In what ways is the **Prayer and Spiritual Life** of this young person evident?

