



## ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES  
DIVISION OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

# Congratulations

May 10, 2010

Dear Sarah,

Each spring, parishes and Catholic high schools are invited to nominate a young person to receive the Eagle of the Cross Award. The award is given to young Catholics between the ages of 15 and 25 who best exemplify apostolic action, moral integrity and Christian leadership. The Archdiocese of Baltimore has honored young men and women with the Eagle of the Cross Award since 1974.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of your selection as one of this year's recipients of the Eagle of the Cross Award. You were nominated for this award by Bette Brocato, who will be contacting you about making arrangements regarding the presentation of the award.

I would also like to invite you to a reception at the Catholic Center, 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. We ask all our guests to arrive by 2:45 PM. Archbishop O'Brien looks forward to meeting you and offering you his congratulations. Your parents as well as the person who nominated you are also invited. Please call my office by Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and let me know if you can or cannot attend.

You and I both have heard people talk about youth as the future of the church. The ministry and service that you have done shows all the world that youth are not only the future of the church, you are the present church too. Congratulations on your selection for this award. May your good works continue to proclaim the good news of the gospel for your peers and for all the church today.

Most Sincerely,

Director/Coordinator for Adolescent Faith Formation  
Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry



## Sarah



Eagle of the Cross honorees “hard-wired for God” **By Matt Palmer**  
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Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien distributed the awards, saying that they were a sign that the teens were doing something God wanted them to do. They heard the call to serve.

“I know you all are conscious that it’s just not this world we’re working for,” the archbishop said. “We’re always striving for something better. We’re hard-wired for God. There is a desire for the infinite in each one of us. You realize how great it feels to do something for others.”

The archbishop prayed that they would continue to be an extension of God in their daily lives.

Scott Miller, acting director of the division of youth and young adult ministry, said the honorees, typically nominated by their parish or school, are inspirations to their peers and adults.

“These young people are not only living out their roles of the Church of today, they offer us all so much hope for tomorrow,” Miller said.

Schmidt, who will attend St. Mary’s College of Maryland, said she will continue to live her faith.

“There’s always something you can do for people,” she said. “You just have to look around.”

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