Thomas Sprecher III $4,000 Doerr Service Scholarship Recipient

Thomas “Trey” Sprecher III, of Marietta, GA, member of Catholic Church of St. Ann in the Archdiocese of Atlanta was awarded a $4,000 scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) through the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship Fund. This year seven service scholarships totaling $20,000 were awarded nationwide to recognize scouts for outstanding service and leadership in four areas: Church, Community, School and Scouting.

Trey truly embodies the idea of service leadership. When asked what volunteering means to him, he says, “It’s helping make lunches for kids who would otherwise go hungry. It’s tutoring the mom, whose second language is English, to learn a computer programming language. It’s each Memorial Day, for over a decade, helping place American flags at the graves of over 18,000 U.S. Military who made the ultimate sacrifice. I know I make a difference in my community.” At St. Ann’s, he is a member of the youth group, has assisted with the Christmas Basket Program, St. Vincent de Paul food drives, parish festivals, Women’s Guild Craft Shows, and has made knot rosaries for missions, cancer patients, and US Military. He has also earned the Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious emblems.

Passionate about both volunteering and STEM, Trey combines these interests through a partnership between Interact (Rotary), FIRST Robotics, Go Baby Go, and East Cobb Robotics that develops affordable mobility chairs for children with disabilities. In his community, he has led summer Robotics Camps for children of US Service Personnel at Dobbins Air Force Base and has volunteered at events sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club, Kennesaw National Battlefield, Memorial Day Flag Placement at Marietta National Cemetary.

At school, Trey is a member of several honor societies, including Pope High School’s National Honor Society, Community Service Club, the Key Club, Red Cross Club, and is President of the Interact Club. He has earned a Community Service Varsity Letter for his many hours of service.

As a Scout, Trey’s Eagle Scout Project redefined the idea of community, as he reached out to the Mayor of Rockwood, MI, a town roughly 700 miles from his home in GA, where five generations of his family had been active community members. Through his conversations with the Mayor, he discovered that the city park, named after his great grandfather, needed numerous updates. He coordinated 67 volunteers and 750 service hours to install new signage throughout the park, enhance the landscaping, and restore picnic tables, park gates, and car stops. His project was so successful it earned him the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award for Atlanta. Trey has held many leadership
positions, including Assistant Scout Master and is a member of Order of the Arrow, Scouting’s Honor Society. He was also recognized in a ceremony at the Georgia State Capitol for having earned 138 badges and addressed Georgia Senators about Scouting’s “Impact on Me”. Trey plans to attend Kettering University for engineering.

To be eligible to apply for the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship, the Scout must be Catholic, earned the Ad Altare Dei and/ or Pope Pius XII Awards, and received either the Eagle Scout, Summit, or Quartermaster Award. A complete list of award recipients, eligibility requirements and applications can be found online at [http://nccs-bsa.org/index.php/college-scholarship](http://nccs-bsa.org/index.php/college-scholarship). Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scholarship recipients have been chosen because they are committed to making a difference for good in the world through service and leadership. These young people, like Thomas Sprecher III, are certain to enrich our future.