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Subject: Troop 1776, Archdiocese Mass Results

Well it was predicted that it would be a big night for Troop 1776 and it was. We walked away with the night.

Our very own Charter Organizational Rep, Ed Rousselot, presided over the evening as the Chairman of the Atlanta Catholic Committee on Scouting. It was difficult to recognize him without his Scout uniform but he was dapper in his CCS blazer.

St. Ann's took all of the Girl Scout awards. Erin Fleming was awarded the Marian Award, the only girl in the Archdiocese to receive this award. Cindy Wrigley, the Parish Girl Scout Co-ordinator, was awarded the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award.

On the Boy Scout side, we did quite well. Ad Altare Dei recipients were Matthew Bryan and David Cano in Troop 1776. Also receiving their Ad Altare Dei through St. Ann's was Chris DiBiase (Troop 008), Michael Fleming (Troop 795) and Justin McAleer (Troop 219). Many thanks to Emblem Counselors Ed Rousselot and Kathy Bryan for their time and efforts.

For the Pope Pius XII awards the recipients were Eric Harrison and Eric Daiber from Troop 1776. Also receiving this award through St. Ann's was Andy Wozniak (Troop 797) and Stephen LaPierre (Troop 545). Special thanks to Oscar Aldana for being the Counselor for this Religious Emblem which we have not had in many years.

We also had several Adult Scouters recognized with the Bronze Pelican Award. These included Larry Holt (Pack 1776), Steve Harrison (Troop 1776), Jane Whitehead (Troop 1776) and Oscar Aldana (Crew 1776).

As a Unit we were recognized as an Honor Unit with the Pope Paul VI award. Also to top off the night, we also received the Bishop's Trophy as recognition as the top Boy Scout Unit in the Archdiocese.

An important part of achieving this recognition is not only what we have done with Catholic Religious Awards, but also with earning Religious Awards in Protestant and Jewish faiths as well. Many thanks to all of the Scouts and Scouters that made tonight possible. Also thanks to Father Leo Cumming, former Scoutmaster John Templeton, Ed Bolduc and Mark for coming out to Immaculate Heart of Mary for the Mass.

I am proud beyond words can say of our Troop. Can we repeat? The key is in the plans for next year that we are putting together. The question is, do you want it as a Troop? If so we can achieve it.

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