Brother Barnabas

The Brother Barnabas Founders Award is the highest award given by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. It recognizes individuals who have significantly affected the course of Catholic Scouting through long and meritorious service.

The NCCS presents the award at their Annual or Biennial meeting. Nominations are put forward by the National Chair and approved by the NCCS Executive Committee. The Brother Barnabas recognition is not a Adult Religious Emblem and the recipient is not eligible to receive the BSA Adult religious knot.

Background:

Brother Barnabas, F.S.C., a Brother of the Christian Schools, was involved with Youth work in the New York City area for his entire life. Brother Barnabas was a driving force in the early years of Catholic Youth ministry founding one of the earliest Catholic Troops at St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1912. He wrote an original plan of organization in 1926 and is credited with creating the formal association between the Catholic bishops of the United State and the Boy Scouts of America. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting is a product and now the steward of this relationship. The Knights of Columbus hired him when they adopted the program as their youth program for boys and later aided the development of the Columbian Squires.

Recipients of the Brother Barnabas Founders Award are:

Name	Date	(Arch)diocese	Presentation Location
Emmett Doerr	April 1992		Nashville, TN
Henry Murphy	April 1994		Albuquerque, NM
Jack Deckenbach	April 1997	St. Paul & Minneapolis	Sacramento, CA
Marvin Smith	April 1997	Galveston-Houston	Sacramento, CA
Frank Rossomondo	April 1998	Washington	Columbus, OH
Fr. Joe Carroll	April 2000	San Diego	Richmond, VA
Msgr. Richard P. LaRocque (approved October 2001)	April 2004		St. Louis, MO
David Garrison (presented at the Bishops' Meeting)	November 2003		Washington,DC
Msgr. Robert Guglielmone	April 2004	Rockville Center	St. Louis, MO
Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger	April 2007	Evansville	Milwaukee, WI
John Ribar, Sr.	April 2008	Louisville	Louisville, KY
Edward Gargiulo	April 2009	Wilmington	Galveston, TX
Fr. Randy Cuevas	April 2012	Baton Rouge	Irving, TX
Fr. Leo LeBlanc	April 2012	Manchester	Irving, TX
Fr. Donald Hummel	April 2014	Newark	Irvine, TX
Fr. Dennis J. O'Rourke	April 2014	Phoenix	Irvine, CA
Fr. Raymond L. Fecteau	April 2016	Washington, DC	Atlanta, GA
William E. Davies	April 2018	St. Paul & Minneapolis	Minneapolis, MN
Edward P. Martin	April 2018	Cleveland	Minneapolis, MN
George Sparks	Nov. 2021	Fort Worth	
Fr. Michael Hanifin	April 2022	Orange	Chicago, IL
Bishop R. Daniel Conlon	April 2023	Joliet	Kansas City, MO
Fr. Kevin Smith	April 2024	Rockville Centre	Albuquerque, NM
Col. (Ret.) John Halloran, Jr.	April 2024	Lake Charles	Albuquerque, NM
Fr. Stephen Salvador	April 2025	Fall River	Charlotte, NC
Gerard Scanlan	April 2025	New York	Charlotte, NC
Msgr. James Kolp	April 2025	Youngstown	Charlotte, NC
Msgr. John Brady	April 2025	Washington, DC	Charlotte, NC

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