

Waccamaw student earns Catholicity Award

Joshua Carlton, an incoming sophomore at Waccamaw High School in Pawleys Island, has received the Knights of Columbus Monsignor John L. Manning Catholicity Award. This award recognizes the Catholic boy or girl in South Carolina that best exemplifies love of God, love of Church and love of country. Faithful Navigator Joe Gabriel said that Assembly 3272 proposed Joshua for the award after

reviewing many deserving candidates. District Master Joseph Gubeli, Jr. presented Joshua with the award in a ceremony, attended by Joshua's mother, Cecelia Carlton.

The ceremony immediately followed the Assembly's business meeting. In presenting a plaque commemorating the award, Gubeli told Joshua that as a caring, bright and hard-working young man, he is a stellar example for young persons in his parish, school and community.

Joshua serves faithfully at the altar at St. Mary's and St. Cyprian's churches in Georgetown as an acolyte and as a cross bearer. He has been an excellent trainer and mentor to new altar servers (including his younger sister and brother).

He continues as an active member of the St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) participating in teen canteen, fund raisers and church group activities. Home schooled in his early years, he is entering his sophomore year at Waccamaw High School. He is popular among his peers and engages in recreational sports. Joshua is active in Boy Scouts of America, earning many badges, and has just completed his Eagle Scout project. For his Eagle Scout project, Joshua solicited funding and planned and completed the renovation of the "children's room" at St. Cyprian's Outreach Center at St. Cyprian's Church. This project involved furniture, flooring, wall murals, computer equipment, games and toys costing thousands. An aggressive and time consuming project, it required fund raising (\$3500); enlisting volunteers; and organizing, supervising and personally completing all aspects of the project.



Joshua Carlton, Cecelia Carlton and District Master Joseph Gubeli.