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GABRIEL LEHMAN OF MOTHER OF PROVIDENCE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL AWARDED NEUMANN SCHOLARSHIP

Gabriel Lehman of Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School, was awarded a Neumann Scholarship to attend a Philadelphia Archdiocesan high school through the Connelly Foundation

Wallingford, PA, December 20, 2016 - Gabriel Lehman, an eighth grader at Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School and a Nativity, BVM parishioner, was awarded the prestigious Neumann Scholarship during a presentation by The Connelly Foundation President, Josephine C. Mandeville.

The Neumann Scholarship is awarded by the Connelly Foundation each year to Archdiocesan eighth graders who meet stringent academic standards. Of over 3,000 eighth graders who attend Archdiocesan elementary schools, only about 1000 students were eligible to sit for the exam. Of those who were eligible, 899 students took the Neumann scholarship test on Sunday, October 16 and 23. Out of the 899 students who took the exam, 40 4-Year Neumann Scholarships were offered. The 40 Neumann Scholars awarded this year represent the top 3.9% of the 899 students who took the test. The honor of being a Neumann Scholar entitles each winner to a four year scholarship to an Archdiocesan high school of their choice.

Gabriel Lehman is currently an eighth grader at Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School in Wallingford, PA. He is a member of the school's SeaPerch team, part of the school's STEM program, and has competed for the past two years in the Philly SeaPerch competition with his teammates. Gabriel is an honors Math student and helps with eighth grade service projects at Mother of Providence. He plays basketball for Nativity CYO, Baseball in the Babe Ruth baseball league and soccer for St. John Chrysostom CYO. He has played on all-star teams within the archdiocese.

Gabriel belongs to Nativity, BVM Parish in Media, PA and is an altar server there. He is also a member of the parish youth group and a member of Boy Scout troop 277 in Wallingford.



Gabriel Lehman is presented with the Neumann Scholarship. Pictured are (from left to right): Mrs. Therese Waters, Principal at Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School, Gabriel Lehman, Josephine Mandeville from Connelly Foundation, and Rev. Edward J. Hallinan, Pastor of St John Chrysostom Parish in Wallingford, PA.

About Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School:

Located in Wallingford, Pennsylvania on a 16-acre suburban campus, Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School promotes a Catholic learning environment in which every child develops spiritually, intellectually and socially. In addition to a religious education firmly rooted in our Catholic tradition, we offer a challenging academic curriculum. Students develop a love of learning and a strong moral conscience in a disciplined, caring environment.

About Connelly Foundation:

Connelly Foundation seeks to foster learning and to improve the quality of life in the Greater Philadelphia area. The Foundation supports local non-profit organizations in the fields of education, health and human services, arts and culture and civic enterprise.

Recognizing that the Foundation's past investments in education have yielded some of its most rewarding results, learning has become the cornerstone of its mission and a unifying umbrella covering all of its philanthropic interests. The Foundation also endeavors to improve the quality of life in the Philadelphia area by promoting a culture of opportunity and civility.

The Foundation's mission is pursued through a dual approach to grantmaking. It responds to proposals from either established or promising non-profit organizations involved in intellectual, moral, social and

cultural development at all stages of life. The Foundation also works proactively, developing Initiatives in collaboration with the high schools and parish elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Ever mindful of the spirit of its founders, John and Josephine Connelly, and inspired by their faith, vision and courage, the Foundation assists members of the community attain more fulfilling and productive lives by providing incentives to learn, encouragement to achieve and reasons to hope.

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