



March 7, 2017

Dear Graduating Members of the Class of 2017,

God is good! So good! Over the past couple of years He has led you to be a part of the CYFM community. I trust that through your involvement here, He has richly blessed you. The CYFM community has certainly been blessed through your presence with us. This is something to celebrate, particularly as your high school experience ends and the next phase of your life begins. I trust you are familiar with our Annual Dinner Dance. This is a wonderful celebration of the whole CYFM community for everyone. We recognize some of our adult volunteers with awards. We also give some scholarships to graduating seniors. And we recognize all of our graduating seniors. We want this to be a special night when our community gathers with all of our seniors to celebrate your faith, commitment, and contribution to CYFM.

In addition to acknowledging all of our seniors, we will be awarding scholarships to recognize the faith, service, and commitment of four graduating seniors who have been actively involved in CYFM, their parish, and their community. The scholarship committee looks at service in general and weights service done through and to our CYFM community. *We are now accepting applications for the CYFM Scholarship and Christian Service Awards.* An application follows, should you wish to apply. A selection committee will review the applications and select the award recipients. The names will be removed from the applications when they review them, *so please, don't presume 'everyone at CYFM knows me and what I do'.* Paint a complete picture as you fill out the application. The scholarship application deadline is Tuesday, April 3.

The awards for both seniors and adults in the community will be announced at the Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, May 5, at *The Chalet on the Hudson* on Route 9D in Cold Spring.

The celebration includes dinner and dancing with music provided by a DJ. The whole community is invited, but we are especially hopeful that many seniors, along with your family, friends, parish priest, and all who have supported you in your faith journey, will join us to accept our thanks and recognition for the gift you have been to the CYFM community. Dinner reservations are due by Thursday, April 27.

We have enclosed an application for our CYFM senior Retreat (May 6 - 7). This is developed with you in mind as you transition from High School years to College. We'll reflect on the presence and activity of God in our lives in the past, take stock of our values in the present, and plan for a future living into the Dream to which God calls us.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. God bless and keep you! Peace

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tom Brinkmann'.

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2017 Scholarship and Christian Service Awards
APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print clearly. Return to CYFM so that it is in our office by Tuesday April 3, 12:00 noon, e-mail or standard mail (the latter, obviously needs to be mailed earlier.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Parish _____

Indicate service performed in the follow areas (use a separate sheet if more space is needed)

1) Parish: _____

2) CYFM: _____

3) School: _____

