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TITANS NAMED AS FINALISTS IN THE 2023 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Toledo, Ohio Seamus Leonard `23 and Benjamin Tittl `23 have been named to the list of finalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. All finalists will be considered for National Merit Scholarship Awards to be offered in 2023. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists had to fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists attained Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

Leonard is a parishioner and graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic school in South Toledo where he continues to volunteer as an altar server. He is a four-year varsity Cross Country runner, serving as a captain this season. Seamus is also a varsity Track and Field runner. He is a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 104 in Maumee, currently working on his Eagle Scout Project for Memory Lane Care Services where he also did Christian Service through SJJ. He is a member of the National Honors Society, the Magis Society, and has led a junior retreat. He has done service with Backpacks for Humans and has served through Boy Scouts, helping with other Eagle Scout projects and performing ecological service.

Tittl is a resident of Toledo and attended Lial Catholic School for grades K-8 before attending St. John's Jesuit High School. He is a five-year cast member of the St. John's spring musical and has participated in St. Ursula Academy and Notre Dame Academy musicals as well. Ben works as a liturgical musician at Corpus Christi University Parish, where he and his family are also parishioners. A member of the National Honor Society, Tittl is captain of the quiz bowl team and a member of Men's Chorus and the Magis Society. He served on the SJJ Campus Ministry Core Team, led sophomore and senior retreats, and plays liturgical music for school masses. He has served the community through the Toledo Labre Program, Food for Thought, and Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission.

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