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**York, PA – Nativity USA celebrates its third year of existence**

Nativity USA ([www.NativityUSA.org](http://www.NativityUSA.org)) celebrated its third year of existence this month. The organization, specifically created to promote the outdoor display of Christmas Nativities, achieved worldwide recognition two years ago when it was featured in *Creche Herald*. At that time it recognized Nativity USA for its commitment to promoting the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Each year, Nativity USA presents an award to a family or an organization that displays an outdoor Nativity. Last year's recipients included a York residence that featured two Nativity displays and a church that had had its Nativity vandalized and rebuilt it.

Photographs of submitted Nativity displays are posted on the Nativity USA web site ([www.NativityUSA.org](http://www.NativityUSA.org)) that currently hosts scenes from locations in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Florida. John Peithman, a Nativity USA founding member, is hoping to have images from all 50 states posted on the web site by Christmas 2007. "Three down, forty-seven to go!" said Peithman, a student at York Catholic High School. Several other York Catholic students, also Nativity USA members, have submitted photographs and descriptions to the site, which now boasts upwards of 80 images.

Rita Bocher, Publisher of *Creche Herald* offered her congratulations to Nativity USA stating, "Nativity USA is one of the most creative and original activities of the Christmas season. Let us embrace and emulate its existence throughout Christmas and beyond." Rev. Johann G. Roten, SM, Director - Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute located at University of Dayton, offered his thanks to Nativity USA for creating the site. Roten, a world-renowned expert on Nativities, called the Nativity USA site, "beautiful and much needed."

Nativity USA is a non-denominational organization dedicated to promoting the outdoor display of Nativity sets. It is headquartered in York, Pennsylvania and is currently accepting photographs of Nativity displays. Instructions for submitting images can be found on the organization's web site, [www.NativityUSA.org](http://www.NativityUSA.org).

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