

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS FOR SCOUTS 9/15
[Books available at the Scout office]



Religious Emblems are awarded by the Catholic Church through the Catholic Committee on Scouting. As such, these are not BSA awards and are not available through the Scout office. The awards are traditionally presented to deserving Scouts on Scout Sunday [the Sunday that falls before Feb. 8] by a representative of the Clergy. For many Catholic Scout units, Scout Sunday is a special day of the year in which all Scouts are encouraged to participate in Class A uniforms with parents and leaders. Often, Pastors will allow the Scouts to participate in the Mass in many ways -- the procession, readings, offertory, altar servers in uniform, etc. Scout Sunday can be a rewarding experience for everyone.

THE RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE ARE:

Robert A. Marceaux Sr. Pillars of Faith Award - Diocese of Lafayette award for Boy Scouts who have earned all 4 NCCS Religious emblems {Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pius XII}. This emblem is presented by the Bishop at the annual St. George Adult Awards Mass.

Guardian Angel - Diocese of Lafayette award for Tigers (1st grade). Cub Scouts of all ranks may earn this award; however Bears and Webelos must have earned Parvuli Dei before receiving Guardian Angel. Open to cubs of all faiths (with parental permission). Application requires signatures of Cub Scout, Parent and Cubmaster.

Light of Christ - National Catholic Committee on Scouting award for Wolves (2nd grade). Must be completed before Cub Scout begins 3rd grade. Scouts **must** be of Roman Catholic faith. Application requires signatures of Cub Scout, Parent, Den Leader or Religious Emblems Coordinator, Cubmaster, and Pastor.

Parvuli Dei - National Catholic Committee on Scouting award for Bears & Webelos (3rd, 4th, 5th grade). Scouts **must** be of Roman Catholic faith, and must have completed 2nd grade before beginning work on the emblem. Application requires signatures of Cub Scout, Parent, Den Leader or Religious Emblems Coordinator, Cubmaster, and Pastor.

Ave Maria - Diocese of Lafayette award for Webelos (if they have already earned Parvuli Dei), Boy Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers of all faiths (with parental permission). Application requires signatures of Scout, Parent and Pastor.

Pope John Paul II - Diocese of Lafayette award for 2nd Year Webelos (if they have already earned Parvuli Dei), Boy Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers of all faiths (with parental permission). Application requires signatures of Scout, Parent and Pastor.

Ad Altare Dei - National Catholic Committee on Scouting award for Boy Scouts. Scouts **must** be of Roman Catholic faith, and must have completed 6th grade before beginning the program. This is a 9 - 12 month program where the AAD group meets regularly with a trained Religious Emblems Counselor (training provided through Catholic Committee on Scouting).

Pius XII - National Catholic Committee on Scouting award for Boy Scouts/Venturers. Scouts **must** be of Roman Catholic faith, and must have completed 8th grade before beginning the program. This is a 6 - 9 month program where the Pius XII group meets regularly. The Scouts run the program with the guidance of their trained Religious Emblems Counselor.

Religious Knot - BSA recognizes individual Scout religious achievement through the Religious Knot, which is available through the Scout office, and is an award of BSA [requested on the unit advancement report]. The religious knot is available only for national religious awards [Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pius XII]. The Religious Knot should be worn with the device pin (available at the Scout office) which signifies the level of award earned—{Light of Christ wears the Cub Scout device; Parvuli Dei wears the Webelo device. Boy Scouts wear the Boy Scout device: #927-Ad Altare Dei / #930-Pius XII}. Knots with devices are presented at a Pack Ceremony or Troop COH.

National Quality Unit Award--Pope Paul VI -- National Catholic Committee on Scouting unit award for Catholic-sponsored units. Units must be chartered by a Catholic organization (Catholic church or school, Knights of Peter Claver, KC's, etc). Requirements & applications available @ National Catholic Committee on Scouting website: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/ScoutUnits/CatholicQualityUnitAward.php> .

The Catholic Committee on Scouting meets regularly; sponsors the annual Diocesan Scout Retreat, Scouter Development, and Religious Emblem Counselor Training programs; and is responsible for recognition of adults who promote Catholic Scouting. More information is available at the website: www.cathcomm.net or email cathcomm@lusfiber.net.