

PIUS XII

Eligibility

- A registered youth member of the Boy Scouts of America of the Catholic faith.
- Has started ninth grade.
- Designed for age 15-16 year old.
- Recommended, but not required, to have completed the Ad Altare Dei program.

Purpose

- Pope Pius XII is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program.
- To have the candidate examine how being a Christian affects daily life in a real world.
- To challenge the candidate to evaluate his or her own personal talents and abilities in light of a possible choice of lifestyle/vocation or ministry that relates in some way to belonging to and becoming increasingly more active in the Catholic Christian faith community.
- To give the candidate an opportunity to share faith and practice his/her religion among peers, while receiving guidance and feedback attuned to the ideals of Scouting.

Requirements

- Group size should be 6-12.
- The program should be run by the candidates themselves
- Attend a retreat.
- Optional Service Projects.
- Interviews with religious leaders.

Program Completion

- Complete requirements for all units in Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem Scout Manual
- Pass a Pope Pius XII Board of Review.
- Pope Pius XII Board of Review is made up of former Pope Pius XII recipients with adult leaders acting in an advisory and supervisory capacity.

Presentation

- The religious emblem will be presented to the Scout at the annual Youth Recognition Ceremony held in May or June of each year.
- The religious knot should be presented at a parish ceremony.

Moderator's Role

- Use the Moderator Guide
- Form the group.
- Act as facilitator, not group leaders.
- Help the candidate focus on essential elements and important issues.

Scout's Role

- As an older Scout, the candidate is expected to actively work as a group. The group elects a leader that not only leads in group sessions, but also makes the arrangements for interviews, tours, and schedules.

Parent's Role

- BSA requires two-deep leadership. As the moderator is used as a resource, instead of the primary group leader, parents should make themselves available to be the second adult.

Suggested Time Requirements

- It is suggested that the group meet for seven to twelve sessions.
- Although there is no suggested length, sessions should be planned for a 6-8 month period.

Steps

- Unit I - Being Christian
- Unit II - Church-Related Ministries and Vocations Today
- Unit III - Awareness of Responsibilities to Self and Society
- Unit IV - Citizenship: Home and Country
- Unit V - Being a Catholic Adult