

ACTIVITY ORDER FORM

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| _____ | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton |
| _____ | St. John Neumann |
| _____ | Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha |
| _____ | St. Peter Claver |
| _____ | St. Isaac Jogues |
| _____ | St. Frances Xavier Cabrini |
| _____ | Bl. André Bessette |
| _____ | Bl. Mother Marianne Cope |
| _____ | St. Katherine Drexel |
| _____ | Bl. Damien of Molokai |

Total amount enclosed : _____

All patches are \$3.00 at this time

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P. O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can work on this program?

All youth and adults.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem, and will Cub or Boy Scouts receive their religious knot after completing the form?

No. The activity is considered a religious activity not a religious emblem. Cub and Boy Scouts will not receive a religious knot after completing the form.

Will there be more than one Activity Patch?

Yes. There will be an activity patch for every American Saint. Five new activities will be added each year. If a new American saint were to be canonized, that person would be added to the rotation in a timely manner.

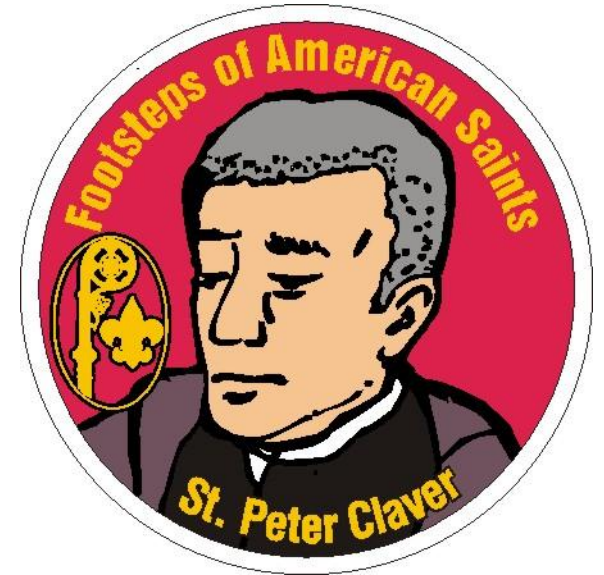
How long will this saint be available for me to work on?

Each saint activity will be available for scouts to work on for two years. After that, the activity will be rotated off and replaced with a new saint.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

WWW.NCCS-BSA.ORG

Footsteps of American Saints



**St. Peter Claver
Activity**



**National Catholic
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Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This program honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the church calendar for the United States, some have the rank of "saint" and are venerated by the universal church. Some have the rank of "blessed" and are venerated by the local church. Some have the rank of "venerable" and, while on the way to becoming a "saint", may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in either North or South America. Many lived in what is now the United States. Others never set foot in our country, however their lives and work have had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for St. Peter Claver

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.ewtn.com and www.americancatholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 of the activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 of the activities.

Requirements:

- 1) St. Peter Claver was born in Spain and sailed to which country to perform his life work.
- 2) When did he become a saint?
- 3) When is the feast day of this saint?
- 4) St. Peter Claver is considered the Patron Saint of whom?
- 5) What is St. Peter Claver known for (major accomplishment)?
- 6) Peter Claver understood that concrete service like the distributing of medicine, food or brandy to his black brothers and sisters could be as effective a communication of the Word of God as mere verbal preaching. What did Peter Claver often say?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about St. Peter Claver. What is he known for? How can you be more like him?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of his accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) As soon as a slave ship entered the port, St. Peter Claver sprung into action providing medicine and food. Create a first-aid kit and keep it in your car or home just in case you need to help someone.
- 4) Start a food drive. Create signs and posters. Place these in your school or church and request food donations. Distribute the food to the needy in your parish.

Requirements for Adults

- 1) Assist the youth with this Footsteps of American Saints activity
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this Saint.
- 3) Review the youth requirements after they have completed the activity.
- 4) Fill out the application for this activity and send it along with the fee to the NCCS.

For more information about this Saint, check out the websites below.

- www.Catholic.org
- www.AmericanCatholic.org
- www.newadvent.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints

The answers to the requirements can be found on the activity website.

Answers...

1) He sailed into Cartagena (now in Colombia). (www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints)

3) January 15, 1888 (www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints)

4) Feast Day: September 7th (www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints)

5) Patron Saint of Slaves (www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints)

6) As new slaves arrived, Claver ran out to meet them, carrying food and clothes to the living and removing the bodies of those who had died. He cared for the weakest first and took the sick to a nearby hospital he had built.

His work and writings, along with those of others such as the Dominican priest Bartolomé de las Casas, while broadly rejected in his time, upheld the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding slavery and helped lead to its eventual rejection by both the European powers and the United States by the early 19th century.

(www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints)

"We must speak to them with our hands before we try to speak to them with our lips."

(americancatholic.org)