

Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing Religious Emblems

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS AWARDS ARE DUE APRIL 15, 2010. Please send all completed applications and a **\$12.00 application fee** to: Office of Youth Ministry, Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, 238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606. Checks can be made payable to the Diocese of Bridgeport. Please write Catholic Scouting in the memo line.

Cub Scout Religious Emblems

Light of Christ



Catholic Tigers and Wolves
[See below](#)

Parvuli Dei



Catholic Bears and Webelos
[See below](#)

Boy Scout and Venturing Religious Emblems

Ad Altare Dei



Roman Catholic Boy Scout
Completed 6th grade
6 months active in troop
[See below](#)

Pope Pius XII



Catholic Boy Scouts and Venturing
(boys and girls)
Started the ninth grade
under 21 years old
[See below](#)

Supplemental Information

- A trained Religious Awards Counselor is required to work on religious emblems. Please attend Religious Awards Counselor Training to become qualified to work with scouts on the awards listed above.

FALL 2009 Training Schedule

Girl Scout Religious Awards Counselor Training

Who: Adults Working with Girl Scouts on Religious Awards

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2009

Time: 7-9pm

Location: The Catholic Center in Bridgeport

Boy Scout Religious Emblems Counselor Training

Who: Adults Working with Boy Scouts on Religious Awards

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2009

Time: 7-9pm

Location: The Catholic Center in Bridgeport

- Cub, Boy, and Venturing Scouts must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America to work on these religious emblems.
- Emblem Books may be obtained most economically and quickly from your local BSA Council Service Center Scout Shops. Alternatively, they can be obtained directly from BSA Supply at www.scoutstuff.org, and through PRAY Publications at www.praypub.org.
- Boy Scout emblems require a Board of Review before completion.
- If you have previously earned a religious emblem and lost or damaged it, please contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 203-416-1440 for replacement options.
- The application fee helps to cover the cost of the Religious Awards Ceremony and the cost of the religious emblems and medals.

Light of Christ Religious Emblem Full Requirements

Eligibility

- Registered Tiger or Wolf Cub Scout of Catholic Faith.
- The Scout must complete the requirements before starting third grade.

Purpose

- The purpose is to help the Cub develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With the parents' active assistance and participation in this program, it is hoped that the Cub will come to see Jesus as a real person and his friend.

Program Objectives

- To support the role of the parents as the primary catechists of their children.
- To have the Scout identify Jesus as a real person and as his friend.
- To foster early family religious involvement.
- To be a stepping stone toward Parvuli Dei and the other religious emblems, when the parents are involved.
- To serve as a catalyst to draw the parents into a deeper involvement with the church, through the child.

Requirements

- Each Cub has his own Activity Book.
- The book is designed for the Cub and his parent or guardian to work together.

Program Completion

- When the Cub completes all steps, he is to present the book to his parish priest or the priest's representative and the book is reviewed with the Cub.
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Presentation

- The emblem is presented at the annual Diocese of Bridgeport Catholic Scouting Awards Ceremony. Bishop Lori presents the emblems to each child individually.

Scout's Role

- Actively work on the activities with his parents or guardians.
- Keep the Religious Emblems Counselor informed of his progress.

Parent's Role

- Actively work on the activities with their son. He may need help with Bible readings and getting information.
- Keep the Religious Emblems Counselor informed of the Cub's progress.

Suggested Time Requirements

- Although the book could be completed in four to six hours, the goal of earning a religious emblem is to help the Cub develop a personal relationship with Jesus, so it is suggested that steps be spread over several weeks. This will help the Cub understand that this is a long-term commitment, not a one-time project.

Steps

- Step 1 - Families
- Step 2 - God's Call
- Step 3 - Eucharist
- Step 4 - Forgiveness
- Step 5 - Family of God

Parvuli Dei Religious Emblem

Eligibility

- A Registered Bear or Webelos of Catholic faith
- Completed second grade.

Purpose

- The purpose of the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) emblem is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and also to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the group or community.

Program Objectives

- To help the Scout of his age develop an awareness of God's love for each one of His special, unique created beings.
- To help the Scout become aware and understand his identity as an important member of his family, his community, and as a member of the Family of God.
- To continue to develop an awareness as members of the parish and the Body of Christ.
- To aid the Scout in his awareness of the responsibilities that grow out of God's love for us.

Requirements

- Each Cub must have his own Activity Book.
- The book is designed for the Cub and his parent or guardian to work together.
- The Cub will be required to make a banner as part of the requirements.

Program Completion

- When the Cub completes all steps, he is to present the book to his parish pastor or the pastor's representative and the book is reviewed with the Cub.
- After the pastor or his representative signs the application form in the book, remove the form and follow the instructions below.
- Please send Program evaluation form to address given in the book.
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Presentation

- The emblem is presented at the annual Diocese of Bridgeport Catholic Scouting Awards Ceremony. Bishop Lori presents the emblems to each child individually.

Scout's Role

- Actively work on the activities with his parents or guardians.
- Keep the Religious Emblems Counselor informed of his progress.

Parent's Role

- Actively work on the activities with their son. He may need your help with Bible readings and getting information.
- Keep the Religious Emblems Counselor informed of the Cub's progress.

Suggested Time Requirements

- Although the book could be completed in four to six hours, the goal of earning a religious emblem is to help the Cub develop a personal relationship with Jesus, so it is suggested that steps be spread over several weeks. This will help the Cub understand that this is a long-term commitment, not a one-time project.

Steps

- Step 1 - God and His Creation
- Step 2 - God Our Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and I
- Step 3 - Jesus, Our Church, and I
- Step 4 - Jesus, His People, and I
- Step 5 - Children of God, Other Cub Scouts, and I

Ad Altare Dei

Eligibility

- Before work on the workbook begins, the approval form must be signed by the applicant, parent, counselor, Troop leader, and pastor.
- A Boy Scout of Catholic faith.
- The content is designed for 13 and 14 year olds.
- Older Boy Scouts may also work on the program.
- Active member of the Troop for six months.
- Completed sixth grade before starting the program.

Purpose

- The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (to the altar of God) program is to help Catholic Boy Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments. The seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth.

Requirements

- The use of a Catholic Bible is required.
- The Scout should be advancing in Scouting (not mandatory).
- Regular participation in Sunday worship.
- Involved in formal religious education program.
- Complete the requirements in the Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual.
- Successfully complete an Ad Altare Dei Board of Review.

Program Completion

- **After all sections have been completed, the counselor will contact the Catholic Committee on Scouting to find out the schedule for the AAD Board of Review.**
- Each Scout should bring his application and a **\$12.00 application fee** to the Board of Review.
- The Scout will sit before the Board of Review to determine:
 1. Does he have a better understanding of his Christian commitment?
 2. Has he learned to understand, support, and apply Christian principles to the problems of our day?
 3. Has he thought about his vocation in life: a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, or single life?
 4. How has his relationship with his Church grown?
 5. What is his attitude toward Scouting and the ideals of the program?
 6. How does his relationship between Scouting and the Church compare?
 7. As a result of the program, has the Scout grown in his understanding and living out of his faith?

Presentation

- The emblem is presented at the annual Diocese of Bridgeport Catholic Scouting Awards Ceremony. Bishop Lori presents the emblems and medals to each child individually.
- The religious knot should be presented at a Troop Court of Honor.

Scout's Roles and Responsibilities

- Attend weekly meetings. If a Boy Scout misses more than 2 meetings, it should be determined if the Boy Scout should continue with the program.
- Work through the Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual with your counselor using a Bible where appropriate.
- Be prepared to share experiences at the Board of Review.
- Attend a retreat or Day of Recollection while working on the AAD program.

Parent's Role

- Support the Religious Emblems Counselor in his/her role.
- Support your son as he shares lessons with the family.

Suggested Time Requirements

- The program is designed to be completed in 6-8 months.

Sections

- Section 1: Introduction
- Chapter 1: Sacraments and Sacramental in Our Daily Life
- Section 2: The Sacraments of Initiation
- Chapter 2: Baptism
- Chapter 3: Confirmation
- Chapter 4: Eucharist
- Section 3: Sacraments of Healing
- Chapter 5: Reconciliation
- Chapter 6: Anointing of the Sick
- Section 4: Sacraments of Service (Commitment)
- Chapter 7: Holy Orders
- Chapter 8: Marriage

Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem

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, but all registered Venturers (male or female before their 21st birthday) and all registered Boy Scouts (in high school, before their 18th birthday) are eligible.

Purpose

- Pope Pius XII is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program.
- The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the church as calls from God.
- It includes youth led discussions on current issues facing the church and society, which are normally included as part of a Pius XII retreat or day of recollection

Requirements

- Ideal group size is 4-12, but the course may be run with smaller groups.
- The program should be run by the candidates themselves, the adult serves as a Moderator
- A number of interviews and an investigation of a controversial issue facing the church or society are integral to the program
- A retreat experience, ideally centered on the Pius XII program itself and a ministries service project are required

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

- Ideally, the religious emblem will be presented to the Scout at the annual Youth Recognition Ceremony held in the (arch) diocese/eparchy each year.
- The religious knot should be presented at a unit ceremony.

Scout's Role

- As an older Scout/Venturer, the candidate is expected to actively share in group discussions and complete all interviews and activities.

Parent's Role

- Support and encourage their youth's participation in the program.

Suggested Time Requirements

- It is suggested that the group meet for nine to twelve sessions. As the youth are older, two hour sessions seem to work well, and flexibility is often required in scheduling sessions and interview feed back's.

Sections/Goals

- Unit I – "In the beginning": To examine the individual's I have chosen to associate with, and to explain the implications of those choices.
- Unit II – "God and You" : To explore what it means to be called by God through the Sacraments of Initiation, and how these calls continue to affect my life
- Unit III – "Life Choices": To examine and discover various "life states" to which God may be calling me
- Unit IV – "9 to 5": To examine various professions or occupations, and seek to discover the ones to which God may be calling me
- Unit V "Here I am": To examine various ministries, and seek to discover ones to which God might be calling me
- Unit VI - "A melting Pot": To examine the Church's definition of vocation and how it and God's call intertwine in an individual's daily life through life state, occupation and ministry

- Unit VII – "Putting it all together": To aid the participants in a realization that our faith and call from God affect our daily life and how our daily life affects our faith and call from God

Note: Pope Pius XII program is now available in Braille. Contact NCCS office in Irving, TX for more information.