



Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Quarterly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Catholic Camporee/ Retreat

October 27-29, 2017
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Boards of Review Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII:

January 6-12, 2018
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Catholic Scouting Summit

January 28, 2018, 2-5:00
Scout Achievement Center

Cathedral Ceremony

Religious Emblems and
Adult Recognition :
March 4, 2018, 3:00-5:00

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Adult Recognition Awards

Do you know an Adult Leader or Volunteer that has done an outstanding job of including the Catholic faith in their Scouting program?

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting provides recognition of outstanding service to Scouting in the Catholic Church through the Adult Religious Awards program. The following awards are available and require a nomination made to the Catholic Committee on Scouting and approval by the Archdiocesan Committee (ACCoS) and/or the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS).

The awards are:

The **Certificate of Recognition** is given by the ACCoS and is designed to recognize a candidate who shows a history of fostering the religious aspects of Scouting especially at the unit level.

The **Bronze Pelican** is offered by the ACCoS in conjunction with the NCCS and is designed to recognize those individuals who are actively involved in youth ministry through Catholic Scouting. The candidate should have a strong history of support for the youth religious emblems programs, a strong history of involvement with Scouting under Catholic auspices, and have influenced the spiritual development of youth and scout unit alike.

The **Saint George Emblem** is presented by the NCCS and is designed to recognize accomplishments and sustained dedication to service in the following areas, among others:

- promoting the religious emblems programs
- encouraging non-Catholic youth to participate in
- promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the Church
- actively participating in and promoting Scout retreats and days of recollection
- organizing and maintaining Catholic-chartered Scouting units
- bringing the Catholic program to those youths not in Catholic-chartered Scouting units

Nomination forms are required and are available on the Archdiocese website at the following link:

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Adult-Nomination-Form-2012.pdf>

In order for these nominations to be reviewed and approved in time for presentation of these awards at the Cathedral Ceremony on March 4, 2018, all nominations **must be submitted by January 31, 2018.**

Special Request for Volunteers

The Catholic Committee on Scouting is in need of volunteers for two upcoming events.

The upcoming Boards of Review for the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII emblems (see details on Page 4) are in need of youth members to participate as Reviewers. If you are a prior recipient of either of these Religious Emblems and are interested in assisting with the Boards of Review, please contact Deacon Dave Shaffer at deacondaveshaffer@gmail.com for more information and to volunteer.

The Cathedral Ceremony for Religious Emblems and Adult Recognition on March 4, 2018 from 3:00-5:00 pm is in need of volunteers on the day of the Ceremony to assist with logistics (handing out programs, seating Scouts and parents, etc). If you are interested in assisting or for more information, please contact Monica Sellers at msellers@catholiccincinnati.org.

Featured Emblem - Parvuli Dei



Program Objective:
“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.”

About the Emblem

- 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 this 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.

Eligibility/Requirements

- Registered 8 to 10 year old (Bear or Webelos) of Catholic Faith that has completed second grade.
- 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.
- Diocesan and BSA Youth Protection policies must be followed.

Getting Started

- 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 <http://www.scoutstuff.org>.
- 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.

Scout's Role

- Actively work on the activities with his parents or guardians.
- Keep the Religious Emblems Coordinator 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 Coordinator informed of the Cub's progress.
- A Parent Guide Resource is available from the NCCS at the following link:
[-http://nccs-bsa.org/pdf/Parvuli_Dei_Parent_Guide.pdf](http://nccs-bsa.org/pdf/Parvuli_Dei_Parent_Guide.pdf)

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.
- After the pastor or his representative signs the book, the application form, the form only is sent to the diocesan chaplain for final approval.
- Contact your Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (ACCoS) Chaplain upon completion. They are your contact for further instructions on how to obtain the religious emblem. They will order the emblem and let you know the details about the emblem presentation.
- Scouts who earn this Religious Emblem are also entitled to wear a BSA Religious Knot over their left pocket. Please consult with your local Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (ACCoS) to determine how knots are presented in your area. If they are not presented with the Religious Emblems, then they can be purchased at your local BSA Council Service Center Scout Shop with proof that the scout received the emblem.

Religious Emblems Boards of Review - January 2018

For those Scouts working on the **Ad Altare Dei** and **Pope Pius XII** emblems, a Board of Review is required to complete the Emblem.

These Boards of Review have been scheduled during the week of **January 6-12, 2018** at the locations and times listed here.

All participants MUST PRE-REGISTER for a date and location, even if the location is your Unit's home parish.

Note: All Boards must be completed by January 31, 2018.

To pre-register for one of the dates and locations listed here, please contact one of the Catholic Committee on Scouting representatives listed below:

Tom Wiles - twiles@cinci.rr.com

Harry Heaton - harryheaton@me.com

Saturday, January 6, 2018 – Scout Achievement Center
10078 Reading Rd. 45241
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 – Immaculate Heart of Mary
7770 Beechmont Ave. 45255 in Heritage Hall
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Thursday, January 11, 2018 – Saint Ignatius Loyola
5222 North Bend Rd. 45247 in the Hilvert Center
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Friday, January 12, 2018 – Saint Susanna
500 Reading Rd. 45040 in the Meyer Center
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Northern area by request – contact Harry Heaton at harryheaton@me.com.

Chaplain's Corner - Fr. Brian Phelps

This past July The BSA National Jamboree was held in the Washington DC area. It was providential that I was also in Washington D.C. at that time, but on vacation with friends. The Mass at the Jamboree this year was celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pierre. In his homily he recalled the joy of being a Boy Scout as a youth. He went on to say that "Scouting develops those values which our world sorely needs: generosity, service, and fraternity." All three of these values direct us to live a life in communion in a world that values radical individuality. Jesus

Christ is the perfect embodiment of these values where he shows us how to give generously, serve others humbly, and live in communion as the Body of Christ.

Scouting gives the world a gift of leaders who serve the common good. Leaders, help your Scouts develop the virtues needed to be the next great leaders, since we are as only as good as the people willing to live these values. Let your faith guide you, and let the virtues we foster be the compass for which we live out that faith.

May God bless you all.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian Phelps

Chaplain for the Archdiocesan Committee on Scouting

Committee Report

One of the great privileges we have as a Committee is the ability to nominate candidates for participation in the Saint George Trek.

The Saint George Trek is The National Catholic Committee on Scouting's® high adventure Catholic leadership program for older Catholic Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members at Philmont Scout Ranch. The program brings Catholic high school youth from around the country together with selected priests, religious and seminarians for eleven days of backpacking in the context of a vocation retreat.

In 2017 we were able to send a participant

from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and he had this to say about his experience:

"This adventure helped me grow closer to God and discern my vocation. It made me realize that I want to go back as Staff and help others have this experience"

2017 St. George Trek Participant

If you are interested in learning more about the Saint George Trek please visit this link: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/st-george-trek>

The dates for 2019 have not been posted yet but should be available soon.

If you would like to submit your name for consideration by the Committee, please contact Fr. Brian Phelps, Committee Chaplain at

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The mission of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is to provide the guidance and resources necessary to add the elements and principles of the Catholic faith to the Scouting experience for all Units in the Archdiocese or Cincinnati.

We can only accomplish this mission with the prayers and support of all of our leaders and Scouts so please make it a goal to always include “Duty to God” as a fundamental part of your programs.

Catholic Camporee Coming in October!!

October 27, 28, 29, 2017

Catholic Camporee: “Experiencing God’s Love”

Come join us at Dan Beard Council’s Camp Friedlander for fellowship, faith, service and fun!

We’ll be focusing on making real God’s love, working on the St. Damien of Molokai religious activity. There will also be some traditional scout-skill games and another first-aid challenge! Plan on sharing a pot-luck dinner Saturday followed by Mass.

Cost of the retreat is \$20 per youth/adult, and includes the patch, Saturday lunch, Saturday cracker barrel and Sunday light breakfast. Note that the cost includes a tent camp site, which will be assigned upon arrival. (If your troop prefers a cabin, you’ll need to separately reserve that with Camp Friedlander.)

Registration forms are available on <http://archcincycos.org>

A camporee leader’s guide is also available on the same site.

Registration is due by Friday, October 20, 2017.

For more information, please contact Harry Heaton at harryheaton@me.com

