



Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Quarterly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Religious Emblems

Counselor Training

August 13, 2017, 2-5:00
Scout Achievement Center
RSVP to
twiles@cinci.rr.com by
August 1, 2017

Catholic Camporee/

Retreat

October 27-29, 2017
See story page 4

Boards of Review

Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius
XII:
January 6-12, 2018

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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Welcome to the first Newsletter!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Catholic Committee on Scouting quarterly newsletter.

This newsletter will be published quarterly and is intended to provide the Catholic Scouts and Scouters in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with important information about Scouting in the Catholic Church.

We will feature a calendar of upcoming events (see the "Upcoming Events" section on the left side of the first page) along with stories about past events, more details about the Religious Emblems Programs, a "Chaplain's Corner" and a "Committee Report".

Our hope is that this Newsletter will become your "go to" source for information about the programs and resources offered by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Committee on Scouting.

We hope you enjoy this first issue and we look forward to feedback from you about ways we can continue to improve communication of this very important youth ministry.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Committee with any suggestions or questions.

Contact information for the Committee and other important resources is listed on the final page of this newsletter.

"Thank you for all you do for Catholic Scouting and please don't hesitate to reach out to the Committee for help to make "A Scout is Reverent" more than just one of the 12 points of the Scout Law."

**Tom Wiles
Committee Chair**

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Committee on Scouting awarded Quality Diocesan Committee Award for 2016

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Committee earned the Quality Committee Award for 2016.

This award is presented by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and recognizes those dioceses that promote and achieve a quality Catholic Scouting program. It is an opportunity

for the NCCS to salute those dioceses who truly deliver exceptional programs to youth members at all levels of Boy Scouts of America programs. Quality programs for youth are what the NCCS continually seeks, and is committed to supporting this goal.

"When a diocese earns this award, it makes a statement that they have provided their youth members with the highest quality program experience possible."

**National Catholic
Committee on Scouting**

Featured Emblem - Light of Christ



Program Objective:
“To have the Scout identify Jesus as a real person and as his friend.”

About the Emblem

- The purpose is to help the Cub Scout 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.

Eligibility

- Registered 6 and 7 year old (Tiger or Wolf) Cub Scout of Catholic Faith.
- Requirements
- Each Cub have his own Activity Book.
- The book is designed for the Cub and his parent or guardian to work together.
- 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/Light_of_Christ_6.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.

New Catholic Unit Excellence Award to debut in 2017

Beginning in 2017, the National Catholic Unit Excellence Award is now the Quality Unit Award. The award will be more similar to the BSA Journey to Excellence Program in that there will a point system based on ten areas of performance valued by our chartering organizations. They are as follows:

- Planning
- Growth
- Retention
- Religious Emblems
- Religious Activities
- Service
- Vocation

- Training
- Emblem Counselor
- Diocesan Participation

There will be a bronze, silver, and gold level of achievement. For the bronze level, a unit must receive a score of 400 points in seven areas; for the silver level 700 points are required in eight areas; and for the gold level, 1,000 points will be needed in nine areas. The complete requirements are posted on the NCCS website at the link below:

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/catholic-quality-unit-award>



Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Brian Phelps, our Committee Chaplain, will be providing timely articles and updates in this space in the next edition of the Newsletter but unfortunately he was unable to prepare something in time for this first edition due to his busy schedule.

dom and inspiration in future editions.

Please look for his words of wis-

Committee Report

By Tom Wiles - Committee Chair

Early on the morning of October 11, 2016 I had the privilege of attending mass at the bi-annual Peterloon Scout event.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop Binzer along with Deacon Montgomery and the music was provided by Scouter Tim Rapp and his family.

The weather that morning was beautiful, crisp and clear the way an October

morning should be and as the hundreds of Scouts and Scouters filed into the Cub World amphitheater for mass, I was struck by the reverence and beauty of the setting and the joy of the celebration.

There is something very special about an outdoor mass and it was made even more special by the fact that it was a mass for Scouts, an organization that is founded on the principals of Duty To

God and a Scout is Reverent.

My hope is that all Scout troops will work hard to include God in all of their outdoor events and their meetings.



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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 our Archdiocese.

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 this Fall

October 27, 28, 29 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. Damian 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 will be available on <http://archcincycos.org> in early August.

A camporee leader’s guide will be available in mid-September.

Registration is due by Friday, October 20, 2017.

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

