



Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Quarterly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 pm
Scout Achievement Center
10078 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241
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Cathedral Ceremony
Religious Emblems and
Adult Recognition :
March 4, 2018, 3-5:00 pm

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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 Archdiocesan 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 - Ad Altare Dei



Program Objective:
“The most important aspect of the program is that the Scout grows in his spiritual experience of his relationship to God and the church.”

About the Emblem

The Ad Altare Dei (AAD), Latin for “to the altar of God”, program is designed to help Catholic Youth 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.

Program Objectives

The most important aspect of the program is that the Scout grows in his spiritual experience of his relationship to God and the church.

Eligibility/Requirements

- Any youth of the Roman Catholic Faith who is registered in a BSA Troop or Crew.
- Designed for youth 13-14 years old, however, older youth may use this program.
- Active member of a unit for 6 months and has completed 6th grade before starting the program.
- Each Scout must have their own Activity Book. The book is designed for the youth to work on with the guidance of a Counselor. A trained and Archdiocesan-approved Ad Altare Dei Counselor is required to work on this emblem.
- The program is designed to be completed in 6-8 months.
- The use of a Catholic Bible is required for this program.
- Regular participation in Sunday worship.
- Diocesan and BSA Youth Protection policies **must** be followed.
- Complete the requirements in the Ad Altare Dei Youth Manual.
- Successfully complete an Ad Altare Dei Board of Review.

Getting Started

- Identify a Counselor. Ask your Scoutmaster/Advisor, pastor, parish administrator, director of religious education, any member of the troop committee, or the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (ACCoS) if there is an AAD Counselor in your parish or area.
- After you have selected your Counselor, you must complete the application to begin working on the Emblem program. The application is in the Ad Altare Dei Youth Manual. The approval application must be signed by the applicant, parent, counselor, Troop leader, and pastor.
- AAD Youth Manuals 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>

Scout's Role

- Attend all meetings and actively participate. All journal entries, reports, and written work should be legible and neat.
- Work through the Ad Altare Dei Youth Manual with your Counselor using a Catholic Bible where appropriate.
- When all three parts of a step are completed, review the Youth Manual with the Counselor.
- Attend a retreat or Day of Recollection while working on the AAD program.
- Complete the required Board of Review.

Counselor's Role

- Counselors for the Ad Altare Dei emblem must be approved in advance by their pastors and the Scout Chaplain and ACCoS.
- All religious Counselors must have current BSA Youth Protection and Local Diocese Youth Protection training.
- Use the AAD Counselor's Guide available at the local BSA Council Service Center Scout Shops. Alternatively, they can be obtained directly from BSA Supply at <http://www.scoutstuff.org>
- Hold all scheduled meetings and counsel the participants when required, and in general facilitate (keep moving and on track) the general discussion.
- The AAD Youth Manual is to be examined as the Scout proceeds through each step of the program. The Counselor will sign and date the certification of completion for the step “Spiritual growth should be evident when progressing from step to step”.

Program Completion

- After all sections have been completed, the Counselor will contact the ACCoS to find out the schedule for the AAD Board of Review.
- After the Board of Review has been successfully completed, the Counselor should contact the ACCoS for further direction concerning presentation instructions.

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 Fall the Scouts who attended the religious retreat at Camp Friedlander earned their Footsteps of American Saints Badge. They learned about St. Damien of Molokai. He is a late 19th Century saint dying in 1889. His life was not easy because his Order sent him to the Hawaiian Islands to care for the lepers there. His instructions were not to live with the people there because of the contagiousness of that disease. He did anyway. He tended to them, cared for them, and contracted the disease as well.

He said "I find my consolation in my one Com-

panion Who never abandons me. Were it not for the constant presence of our divine Master in our humble chapel I would have found it impossible to persevere in sharing the lot of the lepers in Molokai . . . The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength."

It reminds us that as Scouts we serve those around us. We are training the next great leaders of society as well as the Church. We must remember that Jesus is the one who sustains us and gives us the strength we need to face whatever the world throws our way. We must help our youth trust in the strength of

Jesus, and like St. Damien of Molokai, encounter the people around us and serve as Jesus serves.

May God bless you all.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian Phelps

Chaplain for the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

Committee Report - Upcoming Catholic Scouting Summit

As we head into 2018, the Committee is asking for your help.

Please plan to attend the third annual Catholic Scouting Summit to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 28, 2018, from 2-5:00 pm at the Dan Beard Council Scout Achievement Center, 10078 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

The Summit provides an opportunity for you to help shape the future of Catholic Scouting

in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati by providing feedback directly to the Committee and by participating in round-table discussions with your fellow leaders.

The format will be similar to past years and will involve table discussions and report outs on various topics related to the Religious Emblems programs and other Catholic Scouting events.

Please plan to send at least one representative

from your Unit to participate in the sessions. If you are a registered Religious Emblems Coordinator/Counselor/Facilitator, the Committee would also like to invite you to attend so that we can learn more about how we can help you provide the best possible Catholic Scouting experience.

Please RSVP to Tom Wiles at twiles@cinci.rr.com by no later than January 20, 2018.

See you on January 28th!



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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 of 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 Was a Great Success!! Plans for next year!

2017 Camporee Recap

Over 70 Scouts and Scouters from Dan Beard, Miami Valley and Tecumseh Councils braved an October snowfall at the Catholic Camporee, held at Camp Friedlander, October 27-29.

The theme of the event was “Experiencing God’s Love”. Scouts earned the St. Damien of Molokai patch, learning about the selfless young priest who sacrificed himself while serving the people in the Hawaiian leper colony of Kaluapapa. St. Damien is an example of how we can bring God’s love to each other.

Saturday sessions during the day also included a blind maze leadership challenge, a first-aid challenge focused on identifying and correctly responding to illnesses based on actual case histories, and a prayer fair focused on learning two different ways of prayer with Scripture.

Saturday evening started with a pot-luck Agape meal (Google it!), followed by Scout-led Vespers and a Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Phelps, our Committee Chaplain. Following Mass was a camp-wide cracker barrel and a Vocations Panel which fulfilled a requirement for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious emblems. We finished the evening with Scout-led Compline (Night Prayer), including a lesson in Gregorian Chant.



Plans for 2018 Camporee

While this year’s Catholic Camporee was held in the Southern part of the Archdiocese, make

your plans now to join us next year, November 2-4, 2018, in the Northern extreme in Ohio’s “Land of the Cross Tipped Churches.”

The Camporee will be held at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center and will include a visit to the Shrine of the Holy Relics (see photo below) where Scouts can see the second largest collection of Holy Relics in the U.S., including relics of St. George (the patron Saint of Scouting), and participate in the veneration of the True Cross. And bring your hiking shoes: there may be a bit of a pilgrimage!

