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Cathedral Ceremony and BORs Canceled

Out of an abundance of caution related to COVID-19, the Committee has determined that we must cancel the Religious Emblems Awards ceremony that had been scheduled for March 7, 2021 at the St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica. This is the annual celebration where Scouts are presented with their Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII emblems and adult Scouters are presented with Certificates of Recognition, Bronze Pelican and St. George awards.

Despite our ongoing hope that conditions could potentially improve between now and March such that we could safely hold the ceremony, there is a significant amount of advanced planning required to successfully present that ceremony and, based on current guidelines issued by the state of Ohio and the Archdiocese, we are unable to commit to a March date.

In lieu of a formal awards ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica, the Committee has created a document with some recommended procedures for your use to recognize your religious emblems recipients in your own Pack, Troop or Parish ceremonies. Detailed information is available on the Archdiocese Catholic Scouting webpage and also on the Catholic Committee Website. If you are having trouble locating the document, please email the Committee and we can send you it to you in an email.

In addition, the Boards of Review for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII that were scheduled for January 9, 2021 at the Scout Achievement Center have also been canceled. Please contact the Committee to scheduled any needed Boards of Review.

If you have any questions or need any guidance, please contact the Committee at:

chair@archcincyccos.org

Virtual Catholic Camporee Recap

There wasn't camping this year, or a First Aid Challenge, or a Scout-cooked pot-luck dinner followed by Vespers, Mass and a cracker-barrel. But our theme this year, "*Faith Endures Even A Pandemic*", was carried well by the fifty participants in our November 7th virtual sessions. Four separate virtual sessions were held during the day to pray the Rosary, starting at 8 AM with the Joyful Mysteries and ending at 8 PM with Luminous Mysteries. But more was required than participating in a virtual Rosary!

To earn what the Catholic Committee on Scouting sincerely hopes is the only patch to contain the word "Pandemic", participants



also had to complete a set of activities and requirements at home. Possible activities included attending weekday Mass, either in

-person or virtually; using technology (from a simple phone call to a video chat) to pray with distant friends or family; to learning to sew a face mask. Requirements focused on staying safe from COVID, ranging from how hand-washing works to understanding how various types of vaccines work (a resource page with links to help answer these questions was provided).

We look forward to getting back to our mix of faith, fellowship, camping, cooking (and gross First Aid challenges), November 5, 6 and 7, 2021 as our Archdiocese celebrates its Bicentennial year. See you then!

The purpose of this scholarship is to honor Mr. Emmett J. Doerr, who was a dedicated Catholic Scouter and a very active member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting® (NCCS).

EMMETT J. DOERR MEMORIAL SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting® has established the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship to be awarded to seven outstanding high school seniors who are Catholic Scouts in a BSA program and continuing their education in college. The requirements are listed in the Eligibility Requirements section on this page. Applications are due to the NCCS office by March 1 of each year.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

- Seven separate scholarships are awarded: 1st place \$5000, 2nd place \$4000, 3rd place \$3000 plus four additional \$2000 scholarships.
- Must be used for the year awarded unless approved by the Scholarship Committee.
- Disbursement from the scholarship fund will be made directly to an accredited institution of higher learning at the beginning of the enrollment period.
- The scholarship may be used to defray necessary costs of the awardee's tuition, room or board, books and/or fees.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a practicing Catholic.
- Be a full-time High-School Senior.
- Be a registered young man or woman actively involved with a Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.
- Earned the Eagle Scout, Summit Award or Quartermaster Award.
- Earned the Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, or Light is Life (Eastern Rite) Religious Award.
- Provided service and leadership to the following:
 - Church
 - Community
 - School
 - Scouting
- Submit an application with four (4) signed letters of recommendations. One letter from each of the following: Religious institution, Community, School, and Scouting Unit. Please write the category at the top of each letter.
- Submit a high school transcript.
- Provide a high quality picture with the application.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications may be obtained in the following ways:

- Download 2021 Scholarship Application ([PDF](#) | [DOC](#))
- E-mailing nccs@scouting.org
- Calling Elizabeth V. Olivas at 214-714-6950 (direct line) or 972-580-2114 (message).

Completed applications should be mailed to:

National Catholic Committee on Scouting
Attn: Elizabeth Olivas/Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship
P.O. Box 934
Rociada, NM 87742

- Only applications *postmarked* by **March 1st** will be considered.
- Applications are reviewed by the NCCS Scholarship Committee.
- Submitting a scholarship application is not a guarantee that a scholarship will be granted. There is no appeal, and the decision of the Scholarship Committee is final. NCCS is not responsible for lost or mis-directed applications.
- Applications become the property of the Scholarship Committee and will not be returned. Please note that incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- The seven (7) scholarship recipients will be selected no later than May 15th.
- Names of the winners will be listed on the NCCS website by June 1st.
- All information sent becomes the property of NCCS.
- All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

Please note: The scholarship is intended to be used for the year awarded but may be deferred for up to two years if approved by the Scholarship Committee.

For more information, please see the following link:

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/college-scholarship>

Online Ad Altare Dei participant manual now available

As everyone is well aware, the restrictions on public meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic have caused a significant disruption in every aspect of daily life, including the Scouting program.

John Hughes, a long term representative to the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS), has been working closely with the NCCS to implement an online version of the Ad Altare Dei manual, an online Counselor's recordkeeping program, online access to the Bible, and support videos. A PowerPoint presentation with information about the new online program is now available at the following link:

https://www.nccs-bsa.org/images/pdf/2020/e-AAD_web1.pptx

It is important to note that Scouts and their Counselor will still need to hold regular group meetings, either in-person or virtual in order to facilitate the instruction and discussions required to complete the emblem requirements. The online manual does not replace this requirement, it simply makes it easier for Scouts to record their responses and Counselors to track and approve progress toward completion. This online version will allow Scouts to work on the emblem via electronic media at any time or any place.

If you have any questions about the new online manual or any other aspects of Religious emblems, please contact either

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AAD and PP XII manuals no longer available at Dan Beard Scout Shop

For those Scouts planning to start on Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII emblems, the Committee has been made aware that the Dan Beard Scout Shop is no longer stocking the Counselor/Facilitator or Participant manuals, however, they may be available in the Dayton area Scout shops.

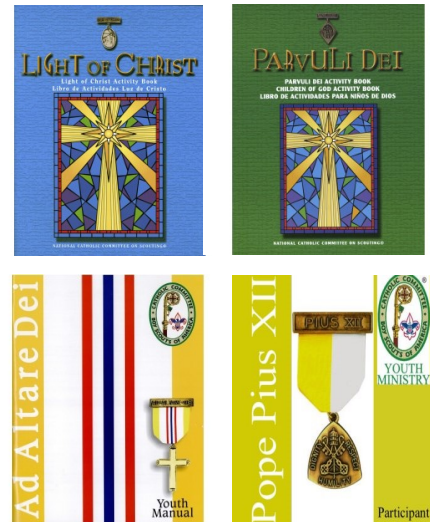
You should contact your local Scout shop directly to confirm inventory before making the trip.

The Ad Altare Dei manuals are still available from Scoutshop.org, however Pope

Pius XII manuals are no longer showing up on the Scoutshop.org website.

The most convenient place to acquire all of the Catholic religious emblem manuals and activity books, both Cub level and Scout/Venture level, is the newly added store on the National Catholic Committee on Scouting website at the following address:

<https://www.nccs-bsa.org/store/product-category/workbooks/>



Interested in becoming a Religious Emblems Counselor?

If you are interested in becoming a Religious Emblems Coordinator (Cub Emblems), Counselor (Ad Altare Dei), or Facilitator (Pope Pius XII), please contact Tom Wiles, tjwiles83@gmail.com, in the Cincinnati area or Harry Heaton, harryheaton@me.com, in the Dayton area to arrange for the required training. In addition to the training, you will need to complete an application and be approved by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The application is available from the Archdiocese webpage at the following link:

<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/download/307/scouting/18689/religious-emblems-counselor-application.pdf>

Are you already a Religious Emblems Counselor?

The Committee is working to update our records of all approved and active Religious Emblems Counselors and we need your help.

If you believe that you are currently an approved Counselor for either Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII emblems, please send an email to Monica Sellers at the Archdiocese: msellers@catholicaoc.org. She will check the records and, by return email, either confirm your training and approvals or let you know what needs to be updated.

If you are currently approved and would like to be removed from the list, also please contact Monica so she can update the Archdiocesan records.

Thanks for your help.

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Websites:

<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/center-for-the-new-evangelization/youth-evangelization>
www.archcincycos.org

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.

Chaplain's Corner - Fr. Brian Phelps

Like many families, the one I grew up in had many Advent and Christmas traditions. Every night in Advent we would pray our Advent wreath together. My brothers and I were assigned roles from our parents each evening of who would say the prayer, the reading, the reflection, as well as who would light the candle so we wouldn't argue over whose turn it was or who wanted to do those things that night. We still pray that together when we are together as a family in Advent, which unfortunately is not as much as in the past.

One of the other things we liked to do was watch the Charlie Brown Christmas. It is a classic. Charlie Brown spends the whole episode trying to figure out what the meaning of Christmas really is. Like always he just can't get everything right. In a moment of exas-

peration, he just yells out "Will someone please tell me what Christmas is about?" At that moment Linus steps up, drops his blanket and says

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke 2: 8-14)

What I missed my whole life and what was explained to me later, that this moment was the only time Linus ever dropped his security blanket. Charles Schulz is telling us that in Jesus Christ is our ultimate security and peace. For God became human so that we may have the peace of heaven reign in our lives, families, communities, and all of humanity. I hope you have a blessed Christmas.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian Phelps

Chaplain

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