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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Catholic Camporee - 2021

November 6, 2021

Location - Cricket Holler

Cathedral Ceremony - 2022

February 27, 2022

St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

Emblem Boards of Review

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Emblems Counselor Training

Available by request

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NCCS Scholarship

March 1, 2022

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Catholic Camporee Update

The Catholic Camporee will be held at Cricket Holler Scout Camp in Dayton on November 6, 2021 and the theme is based on the bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

We really wanted to do a full in-person Catholic Camporee this year. Decisions needed to be made by the end of August (at the latest), and the most recent COVID information makes it morally questionable to hold our traditional camporee. However, we are all sick of locking ourselves in our homes and meeting over Zoom!

Our compromise is to assign some bicentennial history tasks for Scouts to complete at home, then get together for a day of Scouting skills contests and prayer (outdoor transmission of COVID is virtually unknown).

Planned events include first aid challenges, a presentation from the Archdiocesan archives, a lunchtime vocations panel, sharing of home parish histories (homework assigned) and finishing up with a contest to build a fire using implements available in 1821, the year of the founding of the Archdiocese.

And for all those who attend, you will receive a custom designed neckerchief commemorating the Archdiocesan Bicentennial.

Please see the Leaders' Guide on the ACCOS Website for more information and to make your reservations for this special event.

2022 Cathedral Awards Ceremony - 2/27/22

The 2022 Cathedral Awards Ceremony has been scheduled for the afternoon of February 27, 2022. This is a little earlier than in past years so please plan your Religious Emblems programs accordingly as all paperwork will be due by the end of January, 2022 if you plan to receive your

Boards of Review

Ad Altare Dei & Pope Pius XII Boards of Review will be conducted in the Cincinnati area during the week of January 8-14, 2022 by representatives of the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, at various locations within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Dan Beard Council. A Board of Review must be completed prior to awarding a the Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem. All participants **MUST PRE-REGISTER** for a date and location.

Saturday, 1/8/22 - Scout Achievement Center, 100078 Reading Road

Monday, 1/10/22 - St. Ignatius Loyola, Loyola Hall, 5222 N. Bend Road

Wednesday, 1/12/22 - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heritage Hall, 7800 Beechmont Ave.

Friday, 1/14/22 - St. Susanna, Meyer Center, 500 Reading Road

NATIONAL CATHOLIC UNIT EXCELLENCE AWARD



Looking for a way to recognize your Catholic chartered Unit's commitment to include Catholic Scouting in your programs?

ABOUT THIS AWARD

Cooperation, development, and program are the key words in the recognition of Catholic chartered units in earning the National Catholic Unit Excellence Award - Pope Paul VI. The adult leadership responds to training not only in Scouting lores, but training in Catholic National Catholic Leadership Development, and religious counseling. The Scouts in each Pack, Troop, Team, and Crew/Ship respond by participating in the religious emblems program respective of their status in Scouting

Does your unit qualify for the Pope Paul VI Award? Fill out the application and forward it to your local Catholic Committee on Scouting. Click on one of the links below.

[Application \(Excel\)](#)

[Application \(PDF\)](#)

ELIGIBILITY:

- Unit must be chartered by a Catholic institution.
- The award criteria is for one calendar year.

COMPLETION OF THE AWARD

After completing the award application, the Local Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will review these application to determine the if the unit meets the criteria for this award. Once your unit gets a notice of approval, the unit leader will then order patches, banners and certificates from the NCCS [Online Store](#).

The Local Diocesan Committee will notify their Regional Chair the number of National Catholic Unit Excellence awards presented in the preceding six month period. These reports should be sent by the end of February and the end of August each year.

NCCS Scholarship Opportunities for 2022

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting® is excited to announce TWO NEW named NCCS Scholarships in 2022! There are now nine scholarships totaling \$25,000 being awarded each year. Originally established as the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship, the program will continue as the NCCS Scholarship Program. Applicants need only fill out one application to be automatically considered for all awards.

NCCS Scholarships for 2022:

- **Seven Emmett J Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarships Totaling \$20,000**
- **NEW \$2,000 Bill and Kay Davies Scholarship**
- **NEW \$3,000 NCCS Francis Parater Scholarship**

Scholarships will be awarded to 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:

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

The application deadline is March 1, 2022 and the application is available at the above link.

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.

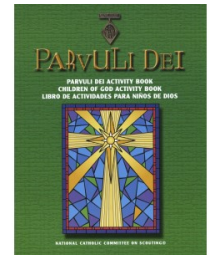
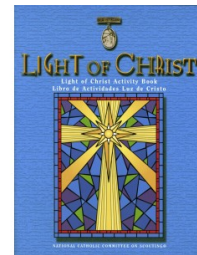
You should contact your local Scout shop directly to confirm inventory before making the trip.

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 Tom Wiles at tjwiles83@gmail.com. He will check the records at the Archdiocese 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 Tom so he can update the Archdiocesan records.

Thanks for your help.

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<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. Mark Bredestege

As the summer has now come to an end, pools are closed, children are back to school, vacations are memories based in shared social media posts, the air is getting cooler and evening becomes shorter, we again look to the future of what is next, when is the next break? Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year? We become laden with the burden of "I need to plan for these." Already on the radio and television being reminded there are 70 something shopping days until Christmas, looking out for early Black Friday deals, and being reminded how to prepare for a safe and healthy Holiday Season amid the pandemic.

As we know, the Scout Motto is "Be prepared" and we are always looking to the future, we do not like being caught off guard, we want to be ready, we seek that feeling of control if plans are to go awry. In the worldly context we are called to concern ourselves with what is next on the calendar. Though these should be celebrated, as Catholics we prepare ourselves for what we ultimately seek. We are to prepare ourselves for the unity with God. God gave us the gift of life out of His love, we live out the gift of life by knowing, loving and serving God. The World wants us to focus on the here and now, reminding us the "important" things coming

faster than they really are, but we must take time to seek the Holiness and Sanctity in which our Creator has called us to, then share this with our neighbor, assisting them to grow in Holiness, Sanctity, and their relationship with God not preparing for next month or next year but for the life to come.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mark Bredestege

Chaplain

Committee Report

Despite the many challenges over the last several months caused by COVID, the Committee has had a very successful year.

We were able to provide masses at all summer camps this year except for one at Friedlander that had to be canceled at the last minute due to severe weather.

In addition, the Committee was awarded the Quality Diocese Award for 2020 by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting based on our continued work to make Catholic Scouting available to all Units in the Archdiocese.

Finally, the Committee has been privileged to provide training to eight new Religious

Emblems Counselors this year and all of the new leaders have groups actively pursuing their religious emblems programs.

Thanks to all of our dedicated Scouts and Scouters for making "Duty to God" a part of your Scouting programs.

Tom Wiles