



# Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Quarterly Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Masses at Summer Camp**  
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Counselor Training**  
August 12, 2018  
2-5:00 pm  
Scout Achievement Center

**2018 Catholic Camporee**  
November 2-4, 2018  
Maria Stein Spiritual Center

**Emblems BORs**  
January 7-12, 2019  
Various locations TBD

**Catholic Scouting Summit**  
January 20, 2019  
2-5:00 pm  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
Monroe, Ohio

**Cathedral Ceremony**  
March 24, 2019  
2-5:00 pm  
Saint Peter in Chains

Saint George Trek  
July 3-18, 2019  
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**2019 Catholic Camporee**  
November 1-3, 2019  
Location TBD

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## Religious Emblems Counselor Training - August 12

Interested in becoming a Counselor or Facilitator for Catholic Religious Emblems? If so, please plan to attend the upcoming **mandatory** training session on August 12, 2018, from 2:00-5:00 pm at the Scout Achievement Center, [10078 Reading Rd, Cincinnati 45241](#). Please RSVP to Tom Wiles, [chair@archcincyccos.org](mailto:chair@archcincyccos.org), by August 6 if you plan to attend.

All adults intending to lead a Boy Scout Emblems program (Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII) must meet the Archdiocese and BSA youth protection requirements prior to beginning a Religious Emblems program. The details of these youth protection requirements will be discussed at the training. These requirements are also highly recommended for Cub Scout Emblems Coordinators.

New Counselors and Facilitators for the Boy Scout Religious Emblems must complete the following before attending this training:

1. Purchase the Ad Altare Dei Counselor's Guide and Youth Manual or the Pope Pius XII Facilitator Manual and Participant Manual from the Scout Shop or [ScoutStuff.org](http://ScoutStuff.org), and bring the book with you to the training.
2. Obtain permission from your Parish Priest to lead a Religious Emblems Program by completing the Intent to Begin form in the front of the Counselor's Guide or Facilitator Manual, and bring a copy of this completed form to the training.
3. Complete Virtus and BSA Youth Protection (online training), or have these requirements scheduled and completed before beginning the program.

For those of you that are already Counselors or Facilitators and would be interested in sharing your experience or expertise with these programs, your attendance at this training would be greatly appreciated.

**Please Note:** This training is open to all adults in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; however, for adults in the northern portions of the Archdiocese, additional training options are available in the Dayton area on an as-needed basis. Please contact Harry Heaton, [harry.heaton@me.com](mailto:harry.heaton@me.com), for more information.

## Masses at Summer Camp

Attending a Mass while at Summer camp is always a great experience and it also is one of the requirements for the "Duty to God" patch that is normally offered at most Summer camps.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting has historically arranged for Mass to be available on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm at Camp Friedlander and that will continue this Summer for all seven weeks of camp.

But, we are excited to announce that Mass will also be available this Summer at Woodland Trail and Camp Birch!

The Masses at Woodland Trail will be held on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm during the 4 weeks of camp, starting with June 19 and ending on July 10, and the Masses at Camp Birch will be at 6:30 pm on June 20, 27 and July 11.

Troop Leaders, be sure to include Mass in your Summer Camp plans at whichever camp your Troop attends.

## Religious Activities offered by the NCCS

In the first few issues of this newsletter you saw details of the Religious Emblems program in this space, however, that information is now available on the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting webpage at [archcincyccos.org](http://archcincyccos.org), so this section will now include information about the various **Religious Activities** programs offered by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Details of the **Religious Activities** are available on the NCCS Webpage at this link - <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/religious-activities>

There are Five Series of **Religious Activities** and two **International Activities**, from which interested youth and adults will find fun and easy ways to learn more about their faith, Catholic role models and become more aware of the faith community and cultures around the world.

The Five Series of Religious Activities, include: Rosary Series, Marian Series, Footsteps of American Saints, Footsteps of Modern Saints and Faith Series. The International Activities include International Awareness and Blessed Are Merciful - Keep The Lamp Burning Activities.

**Eligibility:** All youth and adults—Scouts or non-Scouts, Catholic or non-Catholic, male or female—are welcome to participate in the Religious Activities provided by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting®. All of these activities may be used by groups, families, schools, or any Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer, Girl Scout, American Heritage Girl, or Campfire USA.

These Religious Activities are a great way for Packs/Troops/Crews to incorporate religious activities into their programs as a way to reinforce that “A Scout is Reverent” and also to bring together the Catholic Faith and Scouting.

In future issues, we will be highlighting various Religious Activities, but in the meantime, please go to the NCCS webpage at the link above to learn more about these fun and worthwhile programs.

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## 2019 Saint George Trek , now accepting applications

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.



Each Diocese/Archdiocese is allowed to send two Scouts/Venture Crew members that meet all of the program requirements to this program and applications are reviewed and approved by the Cath-

olic Committee on a first-come/first-served basis.

The 2019 Trek will be held July 3-18, 2019. If you are interested in participating in this program, please review the requirements and trek details on the NCCS webpage at [www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/st-george-trek](http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/st-george-trek) and then submit your request for consideration to the Catholic Committee Chairman at [twiles@cinci.rr.com](mailto:twiles@cinci.rr.com).

### Chaplain's Corner - Fr. Brian Phelps

We all have people that we hold in high esteem. It could be an athlete, musician, or somebody in your local area who seems to be a solid human being. They awe us in what they can do with their God given abilities that they have fostered. The double edge of that high esteem is that we also tend to canonize these people because of their accomplishments. We then end up disappointed when reality crushes our perception.

We have to remember that human beings are good, but also fallen due to the effects of original sin. This shows us that we must, from a young age, foster good habits and seek perfection in God. Jesus Christ shows us what true humanity looks like in his own person. His love of God the Father and humanity as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Trinity and Son of God, as well as our friend, shows us the perfect balance of love, mercy, and faithfulness.

As Scouts, you are given a great chance to build good habits, foster self-confidence and be good disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us allow him to show us his way and walk the path that Jesus walks.

In Christ,

**Fr. Brian Phelps**

**Chaplain for the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting**

## Committee Report - 2017 Religious Emblems/Adult Awards

In March 2018, the Committee was proud to award a total of 290 Religious Emblems. There were 128 Light of Christ, 112 Parvuli Dei and 50 Ad Altare Dei recipients. In addition, 3 Bronze Pelican and one St. George Adult Awards were presented.

A ceremony was held at St. Peter in

Chains Cathedral on March 4, 2018 where Bishop Binzer presided over the presentation of these Emblems and Adult Awards.

The ceremony was followed by a reception in the undercroft of the Cathedral where Scouts and their families participated in a service project to assemble snack bags for St.

Francis Ministries and 100 snack bags, which included a personal note of encouragement written by the Scouts and their families, were prepared.

Thank you to all Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Leaders and Emblems Counselors for making the Catholic faith an important part of your Scouting programs.

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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 2018 - Make Plans Now!

## Plans for 2018 Camporee

Make your plans now to join us this Fall, November 2-4, 2018, 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.



Groups will also be hiking a pilgrimage to various churches in the vicinity of Maria Stein and there will be traditional scout-skill games and another First Aid Challenge.

We are looking for recent Eagle Scouts and Adults to serve as Camporee Staff to help with some events. If interested, please contact Harry Heaton at the email listed below.

And plan on showing off your Troop cooking skills by sharing a pot luck dinner Saturday night followed by Mass.

The cost of the retreat is \$20 per youth/adult and includes the patch, Saturday lunch, Saturday Cracker Barrel and a light breakfast on Sunday morning. Note that the cost includes a tent camp site, which will be assigned upon arrival.

If your Troop prefers a dormitory (available in

the Retreat Center) you will need to separately reserve that directly with the Maria Stein Spiritual Center at [spiritualcenter.net](http://spiritualcenter.net).

Registration opens September 1, 2018 and a Camporee Leader's Guide is available on the Catholic Committee Website at [www.archcincyccos.org](http://www.archcincyccos.org) under the "Upcoming Events" section.

We look forward to sharing a great weekend with you!

If you have any additional questions that are not answered on the website, please contact Harry Heaton at [harryheaton@me.com](mailto:harryheaton@me.com).

## **Special Note - 2019 Camporee**

**The 2019 Camporee will be held November 1-3, 2019 at a location to be determined so mark your Troop planning calendars for 2019.**