



# Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Quarterly Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Saint George Trek

Rescheduled to 2020

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### 2019 Catholic Camporee

November 1-3, 2019

Location: Cricket Holler

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### Emblems Counselor Training

Available by request

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## Cathedral Ceremony Recap

The Committee hosted the 2019 Religious Emblems and Adult Awards ceremony at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on March 24, 2019. The presider was Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, assisted by Deacon Dave Shea and the announcer was Deacon Dave Shaffer.

A total of 254 religious emblems were earned during the period of April 2018 through March 2019 and 76 of those emblems were presented at the Cathedral ceremony, including 22 Parvuli Dei, 48 Ad Altare Dei and 6 Pope Pius XII recipients.

In addition, 42 Adult Awards were presented, including 26 Certificates of Recognition, 12 Bronze Pelican and 4 St. George awards.

The Committee would especially like to recognize this year's St. George recipients, Dave Frede, Fr. Neil Pezzulo, Deacon Dave Shaffer and Carol Siniawski. The St. George award is the highest honor that can be awarded by the Archdiocese and recognizes significant and continued service to the promotion of Catholic Scouting.

The ceremony was followed by a reception in the undercroft of the Cathedral where information was shared regarding various upcoming activities including the 2019 Catholic Camporee (see article Page 3).

Scouts and their families participated in a service project to prepare 100 sack lunches for Tender Mercies in downtown Cincinnati.

## National Catholic Committee Conference

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting Annual Conference was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma and was attended by Committee members John Hughes and Br. Andrew Kosmowski.

The Doerr Scholarship (see article Page 3) Committee met and selected seven scouts and awarded scholarships valued at \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$2,000. If you are interested in next year's selection, applications are due by March 1, 2020.

The Training Committee announced a new "National Committee on Catholic Scouting Charter Organization Representative (COR) Training Course." It is posted in the National BSA Training file directly below the generic COR Course. All COR's are encouraged to take this course.

Discussions in the Religious Emblems Committee confirmed that there will be no Religious Emblem for the new Wolf Rank as there is no "Duty To God" in their program.

An update was reviewed of the on-line Ad Altare Dei emblem. The Religious Emblem and Religious Training Committees are working on a proposed on-line Religious Emblems Counselor Training Course.

Finally, congratulations to the new National Chairman of the Vocations Committee. **Brother Andrew J. Kosmowski, SM** of the Cincinnati Catholic Committee was elected to this position.

## 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 arranged for Mass to be available on Wednesday nights at Camp Friedlander, at Woodland Trails on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm and at Camp Birch on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

Troop Leaders, please be sure to include Mass in your Summer Camp plans at whichever camp your Troop attends. This is a great way to reinforce that "A Scout is Reverent".

## Religious Activities - American Saint Series



This religious activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the Church calendar for the United States, some have the rank of "Saint" and are venerated by the Universal Church. Some have the rank of "Blessed" and are venerated by the Local Church. Some have the rank of "Venerable" and, while on the way to becoming a "Saint", may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in North America in what is now the United States. Some others never set foot in America, however they had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

The goal of this activity is to share the lives of several Saints so that the youth might relate to what these people have done and maybe look to these individuals as role models.

More details and the list of requirements are available on the National Catholic Committee on Scouting at <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/religious-activities/footsteps-of-american-saint-series/>

### ELIGIBILITY

All youth and adults—Scouts or non-Scouts, Catholic or non-Catholic, male or female—are welcome to participate in the Religious Activity Programs promoted by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. These activities include the Rosary Series, the Footsteps of American Saints, the International Catholic Awareness Award, and the Good Turn Project. The activities may be used by families, schools, or any Girl Scout, Boy Scout, Cub Scout, American Heritage Girl, Campfire or Venturer.

### ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

The youth and adults must perform the requirements for their grade level to complete this activity.

### COMPLETION OF THE ACTIVITY

The answers to the questions should be reviewed by an adult for correctness. After completing the requirements, the participants will order the patch ([Online](#)).

### PRESENTATION OF THE PATCH

Patches are to be presented to those who earned them and can be presented in a formal Awards Mass, Scout meeting, by family members, etc. The key is to make the presentation special, so the youth understand why they have earned this patch. Also, the patch should be presented in a timely manner so the youth is recognized shortly after completing the activity.

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## 2019 Saint George Trek Rescheduled to 2020

Unfortunately, due to the wildfires at Philmont Scout Ranch in 2018, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting decided to cancel the 2019 Saint George Trek and reschedule it for July 8-23, 2020.

If you are interested in participating in this program in 2020, 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)

The Committee will review your application and, if approved, you will be able to complete an online application on the NCCS webpage.



## 2019 Catholic Camporee - Make Plans Now

The 2019 Catholic Camporee will be held at the **Cricket Holler Scout Camp** in Dayton on **November 1-3, 2019**.

The Camporee will feature a Holy Day mass for All Saints Day on Friday evening and a Sunday vigil mass on Saturday evening.

Registration will open September 3, 2019 and the target cost for the weekend will be \$20/person.

Planned events will include:

- Earning the St. Kateri Tekakwitha religious activity patch
- Programs featuring Ohio Valley native American tribes
- Liturgy of the Hours
- A Vocations Panel discussion (one of the requirements for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius emblems)
- Scout Skill activities including orienteering, First Aid and Native American games
- Saturday potluck dinner
- A service project

The Committee is looking for both youth and adults to serve on the Catholic Camporee Staff. The Staff will meet on weekends prior to the Camporee to plan for the event.

If you are interested in being part of the Staff, please contact:

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## 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, [twiles@cinci.rr.com](mailto:twiles@cinci.rr.com), in the Cincinnati area or Harry Heaton, [harryheaton@me.com](mailto: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: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Counselor-Application-Revised.pdf>

## Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting® has established the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Distinguished Scout Scholarship to be awarded to six outstanding Catholic high school seniors who are Scouts in a BSA program and continuing their education in college.

The scholarship was established to honor Mr. Emmett J. Doerr, who was a dedicated Catho-

lic Scouter and a very active member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting® (NCCS). He was the first recipient of the Brother Barnabas Founders Award.

The Doerr family and the NCCS are continuing his legacy by offering this scholarship in his name to six (6) distinguished Catholic Scouts.

Seven separate awards have been approved:

\$5000 1st place, \$4000 2nd place, \$3000 3rd place and four additional \$2000 scholarships.

The eligibility requirements and details of the selection process are listed on the NCCS webpage

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

Applications are due to the NCCS office by March 1 of each year.

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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.

## Chaplain's Corner - Fr. Brian Phelps

On May 6, 1954 Sir Roger Bannister broke the 4 minute mile. That was a feat that nobody thought would ever be broken. It was seen at that time the pinnacle of athletic achievements. Once that milestone was broken, others followed quickly completing the same feat and some with a better time than Sir Roger's. This is the example people use to show we humans limit ourselves of what we are capable. Once we see something achieved once deemed impossible, the mark doesn't seem so high.

The same with our life of holiness and virtue.

Most times we human beings don't think we can attain holiness. It's for the person who prays hours upon hours. Or it's for the monk or nun, or the priest. Yet, God calls us to always live in his love and joy. He calls us to remain in his love by growing in virtue of both the heavenly virtues of faith, hope, and love as well as the cardinal virtues of justice, prudence, temperance, and fortitude.

Scouting builds upon this foundation reminding us that the scout's law virtues flow from these seven virtues. They help us to be great citizens and leaders here in the world, and

prepare us to a life in heaven. Scouting gives us the confidence and skill to aim higher and challenge ourselves to greatness. Greatness isn't just great achievements, it is also becoming the people God calls us to be.

In Christ,

*Fr. Brian Phelps*

Chaplain

Archdiocesan Committee on Scouting

## Committee Report - Quality Diocese Award

The Committee is proud to report that the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has earned the Quality Diocese Award presented by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for 2018.

This award 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.

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

The Archdiocese could not have earned this distinction without the hard work and dedication of all of the Religious Emblems Coordinators, Counselors and Facilitators and Scout leaders. The Committee wants to thank all of you for your excellent performance during 2018!

Tom Wiles  
Committee Chair