



Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Peterloo - 2022

Sept. 30-October 2, 2022
Camp Friedlander

Catholic Camporee - 2022

November 5-7, 2022
Spiritual Center of Maria Stein,
2365 St Johns Rd,
Maria Stein, OH 45860

Religious Emblems Liturgy

March 12, 2023, 2:00 PM
St Peter in Chains Cathedral
325 W 8th St
Cincinnati OH 45202

Emblem Boards of Review

BORs available by request

Emblems Counselor Training

Available by request
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Bishop Conlon receives BSA's Duty To God award

It is with great joy we announce that Bishop Daniel Conlon, priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati from 1977-2004, received the Duty to God award from the BSA. He is one of four recipients throughout the country to receive it in 2022. This award was presented to him on April 24, 2022, during the Diocese of Joliet's Catholic Committee on Scouting award presentation.

As the presentation was the Sunday after the National Catholic Committee of Scouting's biennial conference in Chicago, numerous NCCS members attended, including Mr. John Anthony, chair of NCCS; Mr. John M. Hughes, member of the Religious Emblems committee of the NCCS and member of the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting; and Bro. Andrew Kosmowski, SM, chair of the vocations committee of the NCCS and chair of the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (more about him on page 4).

Bishop Conlon was very active in Scouting while he lived in the archdiocese. He achieved Life rank while a student at Purcell High School. Since he was ordained, he served as advisor for many St. George treks, guiding Scouts to possible vocations to priesthood and religious life. As Bishop of Joliet, he serves on the executive board of four BSA councils in Illinois. We are thankful for his service to the Church, to Scouting, and to youth and their families.



Front: Mr. John Anthony, Bishop Daniel Conlon, and Mr. John M. Hughes.

Back: Bro. Andrew Kosmowski, SM.

We also congratulate Ed Milbrada of Dan Beard Council on receiving the same award in 2022.

Catholic Camporee - November 4-6, 2022

The Catholic Camporee will be held November 4, 5 and 6, 2022, at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center, Maria Stein OH. Participant cost is \$20 for early registration, and covers tent camping fees, event patch, and tour of the adjacent Maria

Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics and museum.

Participants will earn the St. Maximilian Kolbe patch. Other activities will include Shrine tours, a service project, a St. Kolbe discussion, Scout skill games, a First Aid Challenge,

pot-luck dinner, a vocations panel, and Sunday Mass.

Check-in will start at 6PM, but if you have Friday activities, you can join us Saturday morning. Registration starts September 6th. Registration after October 24 is \$30.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC UNIT EXCELLENCE AWARD



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 tradition, but training in National Catholic Leadership Development, and religious counseling. The Scouts in each Pack, Troop, Crew, or 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 Bro. Andrew Kosmowski, SM, chair of the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. His contact information is on page 3.

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 the Regional Chair of 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.

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

Online Ad Altare Dei participant manual now available

As a reminder, the NCCS has implemented an online version of the Ad Altare Dei youth 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 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

Mr. John M. Hughes,
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Religious Emblems Books Available through NCCS

For those Scouts and counselors planning to start work on any religious emblem, the most convenient place to purchase all of the Catholic religious emblem manuals and activity books, for all levels of the Scouts BSA programs is the store on the National Catholic Committee on Scouting website at the following address:

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

Do remember to send the Intent to Start form on to Bro. Andrew Kosmowski, SM, chair of the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. You may send them to him via e-mail at kosmowskia1@udayton.edu or by the post at 4435 E Patterson Rd., Dayton OH 45430.



Online Religious Emblem Counselor Training

The Catholic Committee for Scouting for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is hosting an online religious emblem training. This is a good way to learn about updates to these programs.

NOTE, the times are PACIFIC DAY LIGHT TIME and must be adjusted for Eastern Daylight Time:

· Sat 7/9/2022 9a-10a - Intro to Catholic Cub Scout Religious Emblems;
10a-4p - Ad Altare Dei Counselor

Training

· Sun 7/10/2022 9-10a - Catholic Scouting Virtual Teaching Safety Protocols; 10a-4p - Pope Pius XII Facilitator Training

RSVP to lori.sorensen@ccsala.org by July 1 for any of these classes. As you submit your registration for training, include proof of current Youth Protection Training and current SafeParish training. State that you are from Ohio and thus exempt from the AB506 training. Include Bro. Andrew Kosmowski on the email (address above) if

you do register.

In addition to the training, you need to complete an application (link below) and be approved by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Scan and email a copy of this to Bro. Andrew.

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

Congratulations to our scouts!

175 Scouts throughout the archdiocese earned a religious emblem in 2021-2022. Of these, 106 came from Dan Beard Council and 23 each from Miami Valley, Tecumseh, and Black Swamp Councils. 61 earned Light of Christ, 70 received Parvuli Dei, 42 completed Ad Altare Dei, and 4 finished Pope Pius XII. Well done, Scouts!

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

The world as we know can be a confusing place, people are consumed with personal image, fame, greed and material identity. They will not stop pursuing these until their desires are satiated, but that never happens. We Christians desire the life that is to come, our heavenly homeland, glory in the unity with God. We look to various Saints that have gone before us for inspiration and example to follow God.

I introduce you to a lesser known Saint.

Brice of Tours, an orphan raised by St. Martin of Tours, was a prideful cleric who constantly pursued worldly pleasures. He would beg St. Martin for forgiveness. St. Martin would show him compassion and forgiveness through patience and humility. St. Brice later succeeded St. Martin at the cathedral. As Bishop of Tours, he fell into former desires and was removed as bishop. After being sent to Rome, he reformed his life, and later returned to Tours being

appointed bishop a second time. This time, St. Brice practiced a life of humility, holiness, and charity which he learned from St. Martin's example.

In our lives we have pressures from others, trying to coerce us into following fleeting desires. We can find joy, hope, and peace in the Resurrection. Through our witnesses to the joys God provides us, we can share those with our neighbors and be the Christ-like example to the world.

Meet Bro. Andrew

Congratulations to Tom Wiles on his successful term as chair of the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting! Brother Andrew Kosmowski, SM, has agreed to become the new chair.

Bro. Andrew is an Eagle Scout from Genesee Council in New York. After this council merged with another to form Iroquois Trail Council, he received the Vigil

Honor from Ashokwahta Lodge #339. He has served on many summer camp staffs, most recently as 2014 chaplain for Greater Saint Louis Area Council camps in southeast Missouri, and at Faith & Beliefs at the World Scout Jamboree in 2019.

He entered formation to become a Marianist Brother in 2003. In 2006, he professed first vows and professed final

vows in 2010. He came to this most recent stint in Dayton in 2014. He started serving on this committee in 2015.

Bro. Andrew is chaplain for Troop 329 of St. Helen parish in Riverside,. He looks forward to meeting you. Contact him if you have any questions; his email address and mailing address are on page 3.