



Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Peterlooon - 2022

Sept. 30-October 2, 2022

Camp Friedlander

<https://danbeard.org/activities/peterlooon/>

Catholic Camporee - 2022

November 5-7, 2022

Spiritual Center of Maria Stein,

2365 St Johns Rd,

Maria Stein, OH 45860

<http://archcincyccos.org/2022-catholic-camporee/>

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

IN-MI-OH Catholic C-O-R

Oct. 17-19, 2025 (Tentative)

Place TBD

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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. Scouts of all religious traditions are welcome to attend to learn about Catholicism.

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. Early registration is \$20; registration after October 26 is \$30. For the leaders' guide, please visit <http://archcincyccos.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Catholic-Camporee-2022-Guide-V1.1.pdf>

For more information on the St. Maximilian Kolbe activity program, visit here: <https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/maximilian-kolbe>.

For 2023, the Catholic Camporee will be held at Camp Friedlander on November 3-5. Encourage your units to get this on their calendar now!



Above: Patch for the St. Maximilian Kolbe activity

Below: Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics

Pope Paul VI Award & the Catholic Committee

Is your unit looking to complete the requirements for the highest level of the Pope Paul VI Unit of Excellence Award as presented by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting? If so, one of the requirements is for your unit to have a volunteer attend the

meetings and serve as liaison the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our next meeting is at 6 P.M. on September 21, 2022, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 330 Lebanon St, Monroe, OH 45050.

For more information about this program, visit <https://nccs-bsa.org/index.php/catholic-quality-unit-award>



PILLARS OF FAITH



Looking for a way to recognize Catholic Scouts who have earned all four religious emblems?

ABOUT THIS AWARD

The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Colorado Springs wished to recognize Catholic Scouts who received all four Catholic religious emblems, and so they created this pin to for these Scouts. This is akin to the Four Star award that P.R.A.Y. offers for Christian Scouts who are not Catholic.

ELIGIBILITY:

Scouts must have earned Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII. This is also often presented to members of other youth-serving organizations who complete similar work, such as the programs the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry offers. You may also consider giving this to Scouts who have converted to the Catholic Church after receiving prior religious emblems for their faith traditions.

COMPLETION OF THE AWARD

Troops, Crews, and Ships can present these pins at their Courts of Honor. This may be presented retroactively. It is recommended that this be presented after Scouts have received their final Catholic religious emblem, Pope Pius XII.

Troops, Crews, and Ships can order these from the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Colorado Springs via the form at this link: https://oldwww.accs-agh.org/Brochure_Duty_to_God.pdf. Verify with them the cost of the pins and shipping fees before writing a check.

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

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If you wish to purchase this or other emblem books, visit <https://www.nccs-bsa.org/store/product-category/workbooks/>

ACCoS at Peterloon



Are you planning to attend Peterloon? If so, you will be attending the longest continuously operating camporee in the country. Most of the troops in Dan Beard Council, as well as some from Miami Valley and Tecumseh Councils, attend

this event, which started in 1927.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is preparing to have Mass available on the grounds.

For more information about Peterloon in *Scouting*, see:

"Coming Home to Peterloon" by Lori Murray <https://scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0310/a-cthp.html>

and

"The Longest Continuously Operating Camporee Returns After COVID-19 Postponement" by Michael Freeman

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2022/07/05/the-longest-continuously-operating-camporee-returns-after-covid-19-postponement/>

Summer Camp Mass

All but one week of Scouts BSA summer camp in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati had Mass this year. We are grateful for the camp and program directors of Camp Friedlander and Camp Birch for giving us the opportunity to have Mass offered, and with all the changes happening with Beacons of Light, we express our gratitude to the following priests who said Mass for our Scouts.

At Camp Friedlander

Rev. Mark Bredestege; Rev. Barry Stechschulte; Rev. Mark Hudak, OFM; Rev. Scott Morgan.

At Camp Birch

Rev. Christopher Wittman, SM; Rev. John MacQuarrie; Rev. Elijah Puthoff.

THANK YOU!

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www.archcincyccos.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

Recently I heard a presenter about going to the gym to work out. The person talking said that if you were to look in the mirror every day and compare yourself to the day before you would not notice any changes. If you were though to compare yourself to 6 months or a year or two years prior, you will see the difference right away.

Much like physical health, we must reflect on our spiritual health as well; we must nourish it and we must persevere with it. Day to day comparisons may not show much fruit, but when we have worked at it for months and years, we can see so much difference when we compare our

relationship to God over longer periods of time. Going to a gym to work out, you have to set goals. You have to start with what you can; you can't just jump on the heaviest weights and expect to move them.

Exercising the physical body can be compared to the spiritual life. We can read lives of the Saints and dream to live the (sometimes extreme) lives they lived. We can study, recite and use the thousands of prayers and devotions that have been handed down through the ages. It all begins though, taking that first step, building a strong foundation, and working to fulfill goals of sanctity. You know in your life what you

are capable of, what you can accomplish, what you are comfortable doing. Begin with those but continue to set goals to go to the next step. Grow deeper in your relationship with Christ, not comparing yourself to what others are doing, but learning from what they are doing to expand your routine. Most importantly do not be boastful in our spiritual gifts, as St. Paul reminds us, but using them to be an example to teach and be an example to others.

Disciplining ourselves in virtue takes time, it will be a challenge, day in and day out may not give results we want, but over time we can see that great change.

Committee Chair Reflection

Dear Friends in Catholic Scouting

As I type this, the Marianists in Dayton just celebrated the significant anniversaries of many Brothers. We even celebrated the diamond jubilee of one Brother in vows. 75 years of religious life is a great witness to the Church. As an archdiocese, we recently celebrated our bicentenary year.

For our councils, Camp Friedlander, Camp

Birch, and Cricket Holler each have celebrated their 100th anniversary of provided experiences to our Scouts, regardless of the level of membership.

These events make me wonder how many years of serving Scouts our various packs, troops, crews, and ships have. I also wonder how many of our Scouts and Scout leaders have great tenures in the Scouting

program. Let us offer our congratulations to you and your units by sharing this information with me.

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