



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Emblem Boards of Review

By request; contact the coordinator on the last page.

Committee Meeting

January 25, 2023, 6:00-8:00 PM
Our Lady of Sorrows
330 Lebanon Street
Monroe, OH 45050
(online if and only if winter
storm watch/warning
anywhere in archdiocese)

Religious Emblems Orders due January 28!

Scout Sunday

February 5, 2023

Religious Emblems Liturgy

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

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Catholic Camporee - November 4-6, 2022

The Catholic Camporee was held November 4, 5 and 6, 2022, at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center, Maria Stein OH. Participants learned about the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the role the Precious Blood priests, brothers, and sisters have had in the archdiocese. Nearly 75 Catholic scouts and scouters attended, including scouts from four of the five councils with units in the archdiocese.

Many thanks to our vocation panelists for sharing their pathway to personal holiness: Brother Andrew Kosmowski, SM; Father Dan Schnitmeyer; and Mr. and Mrs. Curt and Ruth Brookhart. Fr. Schnitmeyer celebrated Mass in the larger chapel on Saturday.

We are grateful to our unit leaders and three Eagle Scouts who attend the University of Dayton (Neo Sim, Cole Joniak and Luke Fox) for helping lead our scouts through the skills competitions.

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!

Religious Emblem Ceremony

The religious emblems liturgy and presentation is on March 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Cincinnati. All are welcome to attend. This will be Daytime Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours.

Each Light of Christ recipient who receives this emblem at the cathedral must have an adult to assist with collecting the award.

As usual, there will be a service project; details will follow.

Emblems will be ordered January 29, 2023.

Therefore, orders must be either in the archdiocesan offices OR communicated to the chair by January 28.



Above: Mass at one chapel at Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics

Below: Scouts practice first aid for ankle injuries in the competitions

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES



ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

The Rosary Series focuses on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and how to pray the Rosary. This series has five activities: Pray the Rosary; Joyful Mysteries; Luminous Mysteries; Sorrowful Mysteries; and Glorious Mysteries. A patch can be earned for completion of each activity.

ELIGIBILITY:

Anyone is eligible for this activity, Scouts, siblings, scouters, parents, parish religious education students and teachers, youth ministers.... In this year of catechesis on the Eucharist, encourage anyone to learn about the Luminous Mysteries, especially the institution of the Eucharist.

COMPLETION OF THE AWARD

Packs may present these at Den or Pack meetings; Troops, Crews, and Ships can present these pins at their Courts of Honor.

Requirements and ordering information can be found at <https://nccs-bsa.org/download/luminous-mysteries/>

Note that the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will neither order nor present this patch or any of the many religious activities that the National Catholic Committee on Scouting offers.

*Looking for ways
to complement
the Eucharistic
Revival?
(an ongoing series)*

Pope Paul VI Award due 28 Feb

NCCS has moved to an entirely online system for the Pope Saint Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award this year.

We hope it will make it easier for you to get the information you need to be more effective in your outreach to units. For example, units will provide the contact information for the best individuals to contact about Diocesan events (and maybe even serve on your committee). They also have the option to provide comments and upload event photos.

As part of the review process, you are asked to enter your name, position, and date. There

is also a field for any notes you would like to make.

There is **an additional requirement** for NCCS COR Training by a member of the Key 3. While this will be the requirement in the future, for this year, ensure that at least one person of the unit has undergone this training.

A printer-friendly copy of the form is available to download on the screen after you have submitted your review. An Excel file with all of the information will be provided to you when the award application period

closes. If you need the information sooner, please let us know.

Also note, that there will only be one recognition level going forward to help prevent waste. Units will be able to purchase recognition items (e.g., patches, ribbons, year rockers) directly from NCCS. More information about the distribution of certificates will be forthcoming.

You may find the form at the following: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NCCS4/PopeSaintPaulVINationalCatholicUnitExcellenceAward>

ACCoS at Peterloo

Thank you everyone who visited our booth at Peterloo in 2022. As you know, 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.

Thank you to Archbishop Dennis Schnurr for permitting Mass to be held outside of a sacred space, and thank you to Fr. Mark Bredestege, chaplain to the

Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, for celebrating the Mass.

For more information about Peterloo in *Scouting*, see the following:

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

“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

We look forward to securing Mass at both Camp Friedlander and Camp Birch this year. If you know when your troop is planning to attend either of these camps, we can ask your pastor or parochial vicar to see if he can say Mass during your time. Contact Brother Andrew with this information. We look forward to ensuring each week of summer camp has Mass.



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

When I was in high school my principal had a phrase that we heard on an almost weekly basis. "Remember who you are and where you came from." It was common to go out before and after sporting events, and we wore our school name and colors. We showed the world who we were; our conduct in public had repercussions either for the good or the bad.

As we celebrated Advent and Christmas we were reminded who the Messiah will be. Elijah tells us the signs to seek. Matthew gives Christ's lineage. God knows who he is and where he came from.

As we leave the Christmas Season we must be reminded and come back to this understanding of our lineage back to Christ. We look to the Apostles, their successors, and the Saints, those who had been elevated in worldly status through their faith, and those who were persecuted and even sacrificed their earthly life. They knew who they were and where they came from.

Like the Scout Uniform that we wear with pride and speaks volumes of who we are and where we come from, we should also wear our faith, come to us from the Apostles and

the Saints, for the world to see. Represent the Faith well, either in times of greatness or distress, and show the world what it means to be part of the adoption into God's children. Recognize in your own life what it means to be and represent so great a lineage. Remembering what the Church has accomplished, endured and suffered for you to be part of so great a lineage today. Remember who you are and where you came from.

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 providing 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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