



Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Quarterly Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Committee Meeting

May 17, 2023 6-8 PM

Online: Contact Harry Heaton for link

Catholic Camporee - 2023

November 5-7, 2023

Location - Cricket Holler

Cathedral Ceremony - 2024

March 10, 2024

St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

Catholic Camporee - 2024

October 25-27, 2024

Location - Friedlander

Emblem Boards of Review

BORs available by request

Emblems Counselor Training

Available by request

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Catholic Scout programs for Eucharistic Revival

As you may already know, the Catholic bishops in the United States launched the Eucharistic Revival. To support these efforts, both the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are promoting programs to foster greater reverence for the Eucharist. These programs will be highlighted in this newsletter, starting with the previous issue. Likewise, the archdiocesan committee will plan the Catholic Camp-o-ree and retreat with Eucharistic themes.

Cathedral Ceremony

Congratulations to the 177 youth who earned religious emblems, and 5 units which earned Pope Paul VI quality unit awards! Thank you to the 15 adults recognized for their support of Catholic Scouting in the archdiocese for many years. (photo courtesy Harry Heaton)



Summer Camp Masses

Attending Mass during Summer camp is a great way to add "A Scout is Reverent" to your camp experience and is a requirement to earn the Duty to God patch while at camp.

Camp Birch of Tecumseh Council near Yellow Springs

and Camp Friedlander of Dan Beard Council near Loveland both have scheduled part of Wednesday evening for campwide prayers.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati strives to ensure

that Mass is celebrated each week of camp at these sites.

Please check with your camp staff once you arrive at camp to confirm the exact times.

Catholic Camporee - November 3-5, 2023

The 2023 Catholic Retreat and Camp-o-ree will be at Cricket Holler on November 3, 4, and 5. We are examining using the Eucharistic Adoration program

offered by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting as part of the weekend's events. Other parts include reviews of various scout skills.

Last year we have 75 registrants for the Camp-o-ree and Retreat in 2022, which was a new high since COVID. We look forward to exceeding this number in the fall.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL AWARD AND PATCH



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

ABOUT THIS AWARD

In support of the National Eucharistic Revival, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting has initiated a Eucharistic Revival Award. The goal of this award is to find a way for all Catholics, young and old, to revive their faith and love of Jesus through prayer and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

THEMES AND REQUIREMENTS

To earn the central patch and any of the auxiliary patches, there is only one requirement for each. For the main patch, the requirement is: Attend Sunday Mass and receive the Eucharist (if made First Communion and have no moral impediment) for 12 weeks, preferably consecutively.

The themes and requirements for each of the auxiliary awards are as follows:

Reconciliation – Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or study the ten commandments if applicant has not made First Penance).

Rosary – Pray one rosary of each of the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries.

Family Prayer – Participate in a family prayer at least weekly for 12 weeks.

Parish Ministry – Be active in ministry in your parish, such as altar server, choir member, lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, usher (as age appropriate).

Eucharistic Adoration – Attend a Eucharistic Adoration (preferably with family).

Eucharistic Miracles – Learn about and discuss five Eucharistic miracles.

Eucharistic Procession – Participate in a Eucharistic procession.

Eucharistic Activity – For younger youth, attend a Catholic activity where the theme is the Eucharist; for older youth and adults, attend a retreat where the theme is the Eucharist.

- The award criteria is for one calendar year.

This program will conclude at the end of 2025. Various patches for this program may be bought here: <https://nccsshop.org/product-category/patches/faith-series/eucharistic-revival/>

St George Trek 2024

St. George is the patron saint of Catholic Scouting and the inspiration for Catholic Scouting's high adventure leadership program and vocation retreat for Scouts who are 15 to 18 years old. Every two years, approximately 70 Scouts from dioceses across the country are selected for this 11-day challenge known as the St. George Trek, which takes place at Philmont Scout Ranch.

Led by selected priests, religious, and seminarian advisors from around the country, St. George Trek participants experience spirituality, faith, scripture and the sacraments in a spectacular setting. During the Trek, Scouts make two commitments: to the ongoing discernment of their vocation and to engagement in their home parish and diocese.

Selection of participants is made by the

archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and will be made on the basis of demonstrated maturity, physical ability, leadership potential, an interest in the life of the Church and an openness to the discernment of vocation to priesthood or religious life. Earning of Religious Emblems and involvement in church, school and Scouting activities should be given consideration. Scouts from the archdiocese who attend should plan to assist with the committee's events when they return home.

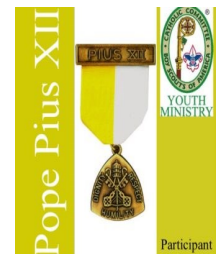
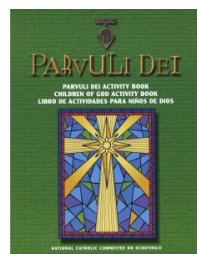
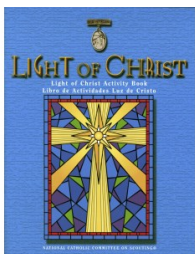
Candidates should be emotionally mature adolescents who will be at least 15 years old and no older than 18 years old by July 1 of the year they plan to go on the Trek. Participants must also have the physical health and stamina to backpack on the mountain trails of Philmont. The St. George Trek is a one-time only experience for youth. Previous youth partici-

pants are not eligible. **NO exceptions can be made to these expectations and requirements.**

A female crew is planned pending sufficient female registration.

Potential participants should complete the [online application](#) form prior to the year the Scout plans to go on the Trek. The Catholic Committee on Scouting will determine which candidate(s) will be our delegation. When submitted, a link to the application will be sent to the committee chair's email address. [St. George Trek Participant application](#). The committee will make this determination in October and will defray part of the costs.

More information is at <https://nccs-bsa.org/saint-george-trek/>



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 John M. Hughes or Deacon David Shaffer in the Cincinnati area or Harry Heaton in the Dayton area to arrange for the required training. Their email addresses are on page 4. 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:

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

Are you already a Religious Emblems Counselor?

The Committee is working to update our records of all approved and active Religious Emblems Counselors and we need your help.

If you believe that you are currently an approved Counselor for either Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII emblems, please send an email to John M. Hughes (email address on page 4). He will check the records and, by return email, either confirm your training and approvals or let you know what needs to be updated.

If you are currently approved and would like to be removed from the list, also please contact John so he can update the Archdiocesan records. Thanks for your help.

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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 - Welcome Fr. Mark Bredestege

In Easter we recall our baptism. This happens as Neophytes enter the Church at the Easter Vigil and the renewal of our Baptismal Promises throughout the season. When we reflect on baptism, we see what Christ has given us. His sacrifice on the Cross brings about His Resurrection. Likewise, our own death to sin brings about our resurrection as children of God.

We read in Matthew 25:14-30 the parable of the talents. We may think the

talents as worldly gifts given by God. We may say "I have a talent to sing, dance, read, write, etc., so they should be used to praise God." If we look to the Master in the parable as a type for Christ, these talents are heavenly gifts. The talents God gives us are not for this world, but the one to come. Through our baptisms we received these talents. We are to nurture, share, grow and perfect them. As a result, we receive more. The third servant, though, received one talent,

buried it in the ground, and did not use it to grow spiritual things. As St. Paul explains in Romans 6, we have died with Christ so we may rise with him. Through our baptisms we receive the graces from God to use our talents so we may grow in the Resurrection Christ himself has promised us.

As we await the pouring out the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let us recall our baptism and the graces we received to grow in the new life of the Risen Lord.

Committee Report - Quality Diocese Award 2022

Many thanks to the many dedicated Catholic scouts and scouters who assisted the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to receive the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's Quality Diocese Award for 2022.

- By the end of 2022, 98 units of all sorts (packs, troops, crews) are chartered by various Catholic

entities throughout the archdiocese.

- Cubs Scouts, Scouts, and Venturers earned a total of 177 religious emblems (58 Light of Christ, 70 Parvuli Dei, 33 Ad Altare Dei, and 16 Pope Pius XII).

One area for growth is improving communication with our cub scout packs

throughout the archdiocese. If you serve as a troop's religious emblems coordinator, and your troop has a distinct feeder pack, consider serving as that pack's religious emblems coordinator as well. This will ease some of the struggles with communication with pack leadership which often sees regular turnover.

Thank you for all you do.