



# Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Quarterly Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Catholic Camporee - 2023

November 5-7, 2023

Location - Cricket Holler

### Emblem Boards of Review

BORs available by request

The following start at 6:30 PM

Jan. 15, 2024, St Susanna

Jan. 17, 2024, St Ignatius

Jan. 18, 2024, IHM

Jan. 20, 2024, Dan Beard Scout

Center, 9 AM

### Cathedral Ceremony - 2024

March 10, 2024, 2:00 PM

St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

### Catholic Camporee - 2024

October 25-27, 2024

Location - Friedlander

### Emblems Counselor Training

Available by request

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## Sean Castillo Awarded \$2,000 College Scholarship; Enters Seminary

Sean Castillo from Liberty Township, OH has been awarded a \$2000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 914 in the Dan Beard Council.

Castillo truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important, he responded, "As a Catholic, I am called to be of service to others. No matter my state in life, I am called to make a gift of myself to others just as Jesus gave Himself to us on the Cross... There's no better way to express love for another or love for God than through service."

In service to the Catholic Church, Castillo has earned three of the religious emblems offered by NCCS and served as an altar server, Eucharistic minister and retreat leader. He has been both a youth group and jr. high youth group leader and has volunteered over 800 hours at his parish. He is also a member of the Dead Theologians Society, a Catholic youth ministry program dedicated to enriching the faith

of young Catholics through the lost art of storytelling. In his community Castillo served with Matthew 25: Ministries, an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization. He also volunteered with the Downs Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati and worked as a life-guard at the local water park.

In Scouting, Castillo served his troop as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Chaplain's Aid, and Historian.

For his Eagle Scout project, he led his fellow Scouts in establishing a Marian courtyard at his parish. His team constructed a 4-course high retaining wall, planted new landscaping and added a pedestal for a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A complete list of award recipients, eligibility requirements and applications can be found at <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>.



Sean Castillo, left, fastest seminarian at Josephinum's 4-miler held Sept. 23, 2023.

## 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.

The handbook, which was emailed previously, may be found [here](#).

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

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ACTIVITY



### ABOUT THIS AWARD

This activity is one of a series of Religious Activities that honor Mary, the Mother of God. The Church calendar for the United States includes nineteen commemorative Marian feasts. Each activity in this series examines one of the feasts and focuses on how and why the Church has honored Mary for nearly 2,000 years.

### ELIGIBILITY

All young people and adults—Scouts or non-Scouts, Catholic or non-Catholic—can work on the activities in this series and earn a patch for each activity they complete. The activities in this series can be worked on individually or as a group.

### ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

Young people must fulfill the requirements for their grade level to complete this activity. Adults must fulfill the adult requirements to complete this activity.

### COMPLETION OF THE ACTIVITY

After a young person completes the requirements, a parent, guardian or Scout leader will review the Scout's work to confirm accuracy and understanding. Then, the parent, guardian or Scout leader will order the patch from the [NCCS Online Store](#). Detailed documentation of fulfillment of activity requirements does not need to be sent to NCCS.

### PRESENTATION OF THE PATCH

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

## Interested in becoming a Religious Emblems Counselor?

What are your plans for 11 November 2023? If you want training to be a religious emblems counselor, there will be sessions at Dan Beard Council's University of Scouting on this very topic. Registration information can be found at <https://danbeard.org/scoutingu/>

If you cannot attend the sessions on 11 November, and you are interested in becoming a Religious Emblems Coordinator (Cub Emblems), Counselor (Ad Altare Dei), or Facilitator (Pope Pius XII), then 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?

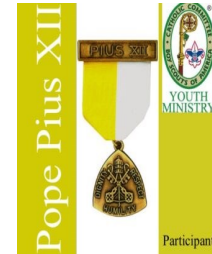
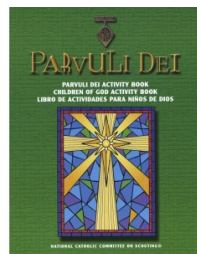
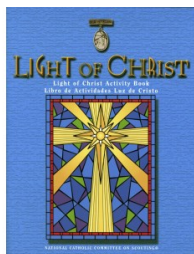
The Committee is working to update our records of all approved and active Religious Emblems Counselors and we need your help.

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.

## Are you currently working with youth on the emblems?

If you already are working with a group of Scouts or Cub Scouts on the emblems, please let us know so we can have enough emblems on hand for your order.



## Timeline for emblem paperwork

You have been working with many Catholics to help them complete a religious emblem. You then need to get the order form in. What do you do?

First, before you even begin working, provide a number of youth working on emblems so the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati can ensure enough emblems are on hand to meet anticipated needs.

Second, complete the order form found

at <https://archcincyccos.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-Nov-Cincinnati-Catholic-Religious-Emblems-Form.pdf>.

Give two weeks from anticipated arrival in downtown Cincinnati to complete the processing. ALL FORMS MUST BE MAILED. As the emblem ceremony is March 10, 2024, March 7 will be the last date for processing orders for emblems to be presented at the cathedral. Forms need to be mailed by Feb. 21 for proper processing. Remember that Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII require a board of re-

view. Dates are on page 1.

Will you nominate a leader for a Certificate of Recognition, or for the Bronze Pelican or St. George Award? Learn more about the Bronze Pelican at <https://archcincyccos.org/religious-emblems/bronze-pelican/>. Learn more about the St. George Award at <https://archcincyccos.org/religious-emblems/st-george/>. Nominations must be received by January 10th with all signatures.

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### Websites:

<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/center-for-the-new-evangelization/youth-evangelization>  
[www.archcincycos.org](http://www.archcincycos.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.

## From the Archbishop

In June, I sent a report as chair to His Excellency, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, about the works Catholic Scouts throughout the archdiocese are doing and the number of those who completed religious emblems. In lieu of a chaplain's reflection, and with Fr. Mark's permission, the content of the letter is copied here.

Bro. Andrew



Thank you for your letter of June 22 and the very thorough update provided therein. It is most gratifying to hear of the evangelizing effect of Catholic Scouting, particularly regarding the 177 religious emblem winners in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and all the devotional and service activities in which the Scouts participate.

Unfortunately, due to previous commitments on my calen-

dar, I will not be able to join you at the Cathedral Basilica on March 10, 2024. I trust that Father Mark Bredestege will be participating in the celebration that day. I will separately provide a letter of congratulations that can be read to the Scouts.

May God continue to bless you and your good work.

## NCCS and FORMED.org forge new relationship

### Introduction to FORMED

Dive deep into the wonders of our faith with FORMED. From the minds of the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press, and in collaboration with over 100 content providers, FORMED provides beautiful, faith-driven content to individuals, families, and parishes worldwide. Discover award-winning studies, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids'

programming — all in one place.

### The NCCS & FORMED.org Relationship

In our continued mission to integrate faith and scouting, NCCS has partnered with FORMED to give all Scouting Units free access to its extensive collection of Catholic content. This resource will serve as an enriching supplement to the Religious Activities and Religious Emblems programs in Catholic Scouting. Be sure to sign up following the instructions below before you ac-

cess content.

### How to Access FORMED.org

Ready to explore? Here's how to gain access to all of FORMED's content:

1. Visit <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter NCCS' zip code 87742 and select National Catholic Committee on Scouting
3. Enter your name and your email address

To make your exploration even more seamless, download the free FORMED app for your phone. Simply search for 'FORMED Catholic' in your app store.