



Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Cincinnati Quarterly Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Catholic Camporee - 2024

October 25-27, 2024

Location - Camp Friedlander

Boards of Review—Jan. 2025

The following start at 7:00 PM

1/6, Incarnation Church, Centerville

1/8, St Veronica, Mt. Carmel

1/10, St Ignatius, Cincinnati.

The above dates do not work?

Contact John Hughes or Harry Heaton to schedule.

Cathedral Ceremony - 2025

March 23, 2025, 2:00 PM

St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

Catholic Camporee - 2025

NCCS Region 6/CST 9

October 17-19, 2025

Location - Camp Miakonda

Emblems Counselor Training

Available by request

Contact John Hughes or Harry Heaton to schedule.

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Eucharistic Revival in Cincinnati Archdiocese

as you may already know, the **National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage** will travel through the Dayton and Cincinnati metropolitan areas before heading to Indianapolis.

Join **St Brigid** on July 1 for the St. Brigid 175th Anniversary Eucharistic Celebration (312 Fairground Rd, **Xenia**, OH 45385), The next morning on July 2, join us for the celebration of Holy Mass and a Eucharistic Procession to Xenia Station.

Join **St. Francis De Sales** (20 Desales Ave, **Lebanon**, OH 45036) for a Holy Hour featuring a Rosary Meditation and community meal on July 2. On July 3, join us for the celebration of Mass and a Eucharistic Procession through downtown Lebanon

Join **St. Gertrude** Catholic Church (6543 Miami Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45243) for an evening prayer vigil for our nation on July 3, followed by the celebration of Mass and a Eucharistic Procession through downtown **Madeira** on July 5.

On July 5, join **St. Cecilia** Catholic Church (3105 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45209) for an Eastside Evening with the Eucharist! We will gather for a night of Adoration, fellowship, and a Eucharistic procession through **Oakley and Hyde Park**.

Join the **Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains**, (325 W 8th St, Cincinnati, OH 45202) July 6 for a Day with the Eucharist in **downtown Cincinnati**. This day will include a special Mass, Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Cincinnati, and Eucharistic Festival on Fountain Square.

Join **St. William Church** (4108 W 8th St, Cincinnati, OH 45205) on July 7 for a bilingual Holy Hour in English and Spanish, followed by food and fellowship courtesy of our local Hispanic Catholic Community. Then on July 8, join us for the celebration of morning Mass, a short procession, and breakfast.

To learn more, [visit here](#). For an overview of the schedule, look to the right of this message.

Perhaps most significant to us as Catholic Scouters is the events associated with this pilgrimage can count as part of the [National Catholic Committee on Scouting's Eucharistic Revival program](#). As the events on the right of this message are occurring only because of the national pilgrimage, participation in the events will count as completing some of the activities. Consider getting involved as a unit if possible.

Learning about Blessed (soon to be Saint) Carlos Acutis is a religious activity of the NCCS which will serve as a great complement to the Eucharistic Revival. The following page has more information about this program.



Looking for a way to continue the Eucharistic Revival in your parish?

BLESSED [SOON ST] CARLO ACUTIS ACTIVITY



ABOUT THIS AWARD

The Modern Saint Series honors 20th and 21st century Catholic men and women who have had a profound impact on many people around the globe.

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. Requirements may be found here: <https://nccs-bsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Mod-Carlo-Acutis-10-22.pdf>

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.

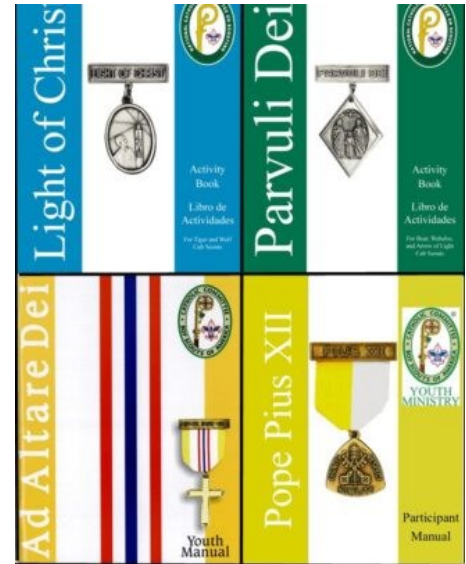
Planning religious emblem groups?

Are you a trained religious emblems counselor or facilitator in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati? Have you undergone training as a religious emblems coordinator? We can help with both! This training is needed to ensure that the integrity of the religious emblems programs are maintained. Contact us for more information

Make sure you have the current books on sale at the National Catholic Committee on Scouting store: <https://nccsshop.org/product-category/remanuals/>

All participants must have their own manuals published under the auspices of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

We can also help if you have non-Catholic scouts who wish to earn a religious emblem. Contact us for help.



Do you want to be trained at summer camp?

Do you have a new religious emblems counselor or unit religious emblems coordinator who needs training? Will this person be at summer camp? If so, and you let us know in a timely manner, we can prepare some training after the Mass at Camp Birch or at Camp Friedlander. Let us know as soon as possible so we can help you with this!

Cathedral Ceremony 2024

On March 10, 2024, we recognized 146 youth who completed religious emblems and whose information was received the week prior, as well as four adults for dedicated service to Catholic Scouting. Fr. Mark Bredestege, chaplain, presided over the daytime prayer service. Recipients Dan Beard, Miami Valley, and Tecumseh Councils received emblems at the ceremony.

Any youth whose forms were received afterward will be recognized at the **2025 ceremony on March 23**.

At that event, we will conduct a soap drive for various Catholic organizations to distribute to those most in need. We ask that each recipient have a bar of soap to put into collection boxes near the front of the Cathedral.

If the Cathedral is not where your unit prefers to receive the emblems, let Bro. Andrew know so we can do our best to ensure a representative of the committee is present.



Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Scouters who received their religious emblems in at Cathedral of Saint Peter in Chains in 2024.

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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

There is an old saying, "We make plans, and God laughs". We can see this in many of the lives of the Saints. They were set on living their desires but after an encounter with Christ dropped everything and pursued a life of holiness.

St. Norbert lived a soft life and coming from nobility, after being thrown from his horse in a thunderstorm awoke to serve God and his Church. St. Francis of Assisi, set to be a silk merchant, denied himself a life of luxury to rebuild Christ's Church. St. Ignatius of Loyola, set to be a great military commander,

was injured in war and through his recovery became enamored by the heroics of the Lives of the Saints. Edith Stein or St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, atheist, philosopher has great conversion and desire to emulate the life of St. Teresa of Avila. Before their conversions the saints were hesitant, fearful, and comfortable, but afterward they were influential in leading others to Christ.

The common thread in these stories is the submission to Christ and service to others. The trust and faith in God they embraced can be an example for us. In

scouts we are taught to "Be Prepared." We can be on the path we want to pursue. All the preparation for life is vain outside of divine providence. We are called to turn our hearts and minds to God, to surrender ourselves to follow him as a child follows his father or lamb his shepherd. To prepare ourselves we spend time with God to know it is his will that we are doing. We then begin to lead others to their union with Christ. We can then find the peace of the life that God intended for us.

From the Chair

I want to provide a greater detail of our religious emblems program in this article, because there are places where all of us are working well and areas where we as Catholic Scouters can foster this program more.

In Mercer and Auglaize Counties, served by the Old Sycamore District of Black Swamp Council, 9 Cub Scouts completed Parvuli Dei. 4 Cub Scouts and 2 Scouts earned religious em-

blems throughout Tecumseh Council. 44 youth participated in the programs in Miami Valley Council, and 106 youth did so in the Ohio portions of Dan Beard Council. Four of the five councils in the archdiocese participated in the programs, the same as last year.

We need to grow Ad Altare Dei and especially Pope Pius XII throughout the archdiocese. I suspect many youth who complete Ad Altare Dei are hesitant to work on Pope Pius XII. Do your best to

convince the scouts the work is very different in Pope Pius XII contrasted with Ad Altare Dei.

Also, we as Catholic scouters need to create a plan to serve Catholic youth in the more rural parts of the archdiocese. We have Catholic scouts in at least 7 counties who may not know these emblems exist. Send me any thoughts you have about how we can reach these scouts not in Catholic-chartered units. My email address is above. Thank you.