

Boy Scout Religious Emblems Program

LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Light Of Christ emblem (Grades 1 & 2, Ages 6-7) encourages Tiger Cubs and Wolf Cubs Scouts to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With the active participation of the Parent(s), we hope that the Scout will come to see Jesus as a real person and friend.

PARVULI DEI

The Parvuli Dei emblem (Grades 3-5, Ages 8-10) is designed to help Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts become more aware of God's presence in their daily lives, especially in their homes and communities. The program is performed with the assistance of the Scout's parent(s).

AD ALTARE DEI

The Ad Altare emblem (Grades 7-12, Ages 12-17) assists Boy Scouts of the Latin Rites to develop a full Christian way of life in their faith communities. The program is organized in steps based on the Seven Sacraments. Adherence to these sacraments is a primary means for developing spiritual growth. The scout is assisted in the program by an approved religious emblems counselor.

LIGHT IS LIFE

The Light is Life emblem (Grades 7- 12, Ages 12-17) aids Boy Scouts of the Eastern Catholic Churches in bringing about a deeper awareness of their share in faith-life. Then going forth, they will witness this life through maturity in communal worship and in Christian formation of their world. Scouts are assisted in the program by an approved religious emblems counselor.

POPE PIUS XII

The Pope Pius emblem (Grades 9 - College, Ages 15-20) is for Boy Scouts and Venture Crew scouts. The program deals with church related ministries and vocations - avenues through which baptized persons commit themselves to serve humanity in obedience to God's call within our Catholic faith community. Boy Scouts and Venture Crew Scouts are assisted by an approved Religious Emblems Moderator.

BRONZE PELICAN

The Bronze Pelican may be presented to any adult with a minimum of three years active service in the Scout Program under Catholic auspices, to Catholics in Scout units not sponsored by the Church, and to those who have made a significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationships. It can be given to men, women, priests, religious or non-Catholics. The nominee must have made outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of the Catholic youth in the scouting program. Catholic Lay Leaders must have participated in a Scouter Development Program and certification is required.

The "Honora Causa" presentation is for non-Catholics and does not require participation in a Scouter Development Program.

SAINT GEORGE

The St. George Award is a recognition given by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting through the local ordinary. It is presented to those adults who have made a significant contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth involved in the Scouting program.

Prerequisite to St. George -Bronze Pelican and 3 years of service.

Girl Scout Religious Awards Program

FAMILY OF GOD

The *Family of God* program is the official religious recognition program of the Roman Catholic Church for children ages 7-9, who are enrolled in the Girl Scouts and other Catholic youth organizations. The *Family of God* is an activity series developed to complement the catechetical efforts of the parish and families with children in the 2nd and 3rd grades. The program helps children explore a wide range of activities to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish.

I LIVE MY FAITH

The *I Live My Faith* program is designed to help girls/boys, ages 9-11, appreciate more deeply the place that God and religion occupy in their daily life. The action-oriented program activities focus on developing awareness within the individual of his/her potential as a growing person, friend, family member, citizen, and a participant in the community of faith. The program is divided into three chapters, "Stretching", "Seeking", and "Finding", each of which blends the dimensions of discovery, prayer, service and sacrament into a unified whole. *I Live My Faith* complements and supports the more formal religious education provided in Catholic schools and parish programs. Parents/guardians are an important part of the program in the process of faith sharing. To assist adults working with groups of participants, an Adult Guide is included.

MARIAN MEDAL

"My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior..." (Luke 1:46-47) The Marian Medal program is written for young Catholics (ages 12-15) to enable them to "proclaim the greatness of the Lord". This is accomplished by actively involving the participants in an understanding of Mary as the model of openness and spirituality --- woman of the Church. Through various projects, discussions and liturgical celebrations over a period of months, the participants are provided with a unique opportunity to develop new insights into their personalities, friends, parents and the world around them.

SPIRIT ALIVE AWARD

This program is designed for Catholic youth in high school who are in the Senior level of Girl Scouts or are Horizon Club members of Camp Fire. It assists them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the Church's ministry. The Spirit Alive adult guide is now available. Adult guide available.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton recognition was inaugurated in 1980 to recognize the meritorious contributions of adults who serve Catholic youth through girls'/boys' organizations. This medal affirms the work of those who help youth develop their spiritual lives within the context of girls'/boys' organizations. It will ordinarily be received before the St. Anne Medal, but is not a requirement.

SAINT ANNE

The St. Anne Medal is the highest national recognition for adults who serve Catholic youth through girls'/boys' organizations. The award was inaugurated in 1957 and redesigned in 1980. The purposes of the St. Anne recognition are:

- To honor the outstanding services of adults who contribute to the spiritual development of Catholic young people in girls'/boys' organizations.
- To further Catholic adult leadership in youth ministry through national organization.