



JDCCS

Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting

St. Francis Xavier Patch Patron of the Diocese of Joliet



St. Francis Xavier's great ambition was to bring the world to Jesus Christ. Armed only with his breviary and a book of meditations, Francis preached the Gospel to the poor and sick, spending most of his time ministering to their needs. His nights were taken up in prayer. His only attention to his personal needs was to have a pair of boots. He barely ate enough to stay alive. As a missionary, Francis Xavier left behind flourishing churches that were the foundations for the Catholic faith in Asia.

Eligibility: All young people and adults—Scouts or non-Scouts, Catholic or non-Catholic—can work on this activity and earn a patch when completed. The activity 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 completing the age-specific requirements to earn the patch, a parent, guardian or Scout leader should review the Scout's work to confirm accuracy and understanding. Then, the parent, guardian or Scout leader can order the patch from the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting using its order form. Detailed documentation of fulfillment of activity requirements **DOES NOT** need to be sent to JDCCS.

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.

Requirements for the St. Francis Xavier Activity Patch

Requirements for EVERYONE*

Read about this saint. You can find answers to these questions at <https://www.biography.com/religious-figure/saint-francis-xavier> , <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/francis-xavier-574> or feel free to use other resources.

Requirement Questions to Answer:

1. Where and when was St. Francis Xavier born?
2. When was St. Francis Xavier canonized and when is his feast day?
3. Pope Pius XI proclaimed him “Patron of _____”.
4. He was one of the seven founding members of which order?
5. Who is St. Francis Xavier?
6. Why is St. Francis Xavier famous?
7. How did St. Francis Xavier shape Roman Catholicism?

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

1st thru 5th grades complete 5 requirement questions and 2 activities

6th thru 12th grades complete 6 requirement questions and 3 activities

1. Watch the YouTube video [Biography St. Francis Xavier Missionary Without Borders](#). Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about St. Francis Xavier.
2. Draw a Venn diagram to compare and contrast your patron saint or your parishes, with the patron saint of the Diocese of Joliet. Include as many details as possible. Use this diagram to write a paragraph based on the diagram of the two saints.
3. Design a new coat of arms for the saint using information associated with him. Five vertical stripes suggest the coat of arms of the Xavier family. Also, from the Xavier family a checkered crescent. A right arm wearing the Jesuit robe holds aloft a cross signifies Xavier's preaching and missionary works. Three seashells denote his three journeys into Asia. A sailing vessel, The breviary, The Jesuit seal IHS, St Francis Xavier name.
4. Make a poster celebrating the current anniversary year of the founding of the Diocese of Joliet. Include in your poster St. Francis Xavier who is the patron saint of the diocese.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULTS

1. Complete the requirements “FOR ALL”
2. Assist the youth with this Saint activity
3. Share your thoughts with the youth about this Saint.
4. Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm their accuracy and to ensure his/her understanding.*
5. Complete the [order form](#) for this Saint activity and submit it with payment for the patch to JDCCS.

*Requirement Question Answers (if needed)

1. On April 7, 1506, Francis Xavier was born in Xavier Castle, located near Sangüesa, in the kingdom of Navarre (part of present-day Spain).
2. Francis Xavier was beatified by Pope Paul V on 25 October 25, 1619, and was canonized by Pope Gregory XV on March 12, 1622
3. Catholic Missions
4. Co-founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)
5. St. Francis Xavier was a Spanish Jesuit who lived as a Roman Catholic missionary in the 1500s. He was one of the first seven members of the Jesuit order and travelled extensively, particularly in India, Southeast Asia, and Japan, to share his faith. He is the patron saint of Roman Catholic missions.
6. St. Francis Xavier was one of the most prolific missionaries of Roman Catholic history. He was instrumental in the establishment of Christianity in India, the Malay Archipelago, and Japan. Modern scholars estimated that he baptized some 30,000 converts during his lifetime.
7. St. Francis Xavier brought several novel strategies to missionary work that influenced generations of Roman Catholic missions. He is credited for the idea that missionaries must adapt to the customs and language of the people they evangelize. He also advocated for an educated native clergy to perpetuate the newly formed Christian communities.

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