

Scout News

Serving: American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, Scouts BSA & Girl Scouts in the Joliet Diocese

Quarterly Newsletter

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NOTE: Whenever we refer to 'Scout' or 'Scouts' generically we are referring to ALL the organizations we serve: American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, Scouts BSA & Girl Scouts

All Remaining 2020 Events Canceled Due to COVID-19

Boy Scout Sunday	2/7/21
Day of Recollection (1/2 Day)	2/27/21
Girl Scout Sunday	3/7/21
Religious Recognitions Mass	4/25/21
Ros-a-Ree Weekend Retreat / Camp Out	8/13 - 8/15/21
Ad Altare Dei Workshops	Oct 2 & Nov 6, '21
Religious Recognitions Training	Online Now!

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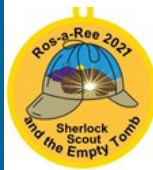


Don't Miss the Only Retreat for Scouts by Scouts Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat / Camp Out

Scout Religious Venture Crew 3:16 and the Diocese Committee on Scouting wants to invite you to their annual Ros-a-Ree (RaR) Retreat / Camp Out. The 2020 date will be the weekend of August 14th through the 16th, 2020 (it ALWAYS starts the 2nd Friday in August).

This is the only retreat we are aware of that is designed by Scouts for Scouts. It is youth led, giving youth not only leadership opportunities but also service to their faith.

The theme for 2020 is Mystery!, and it will be called Sherlock Scout and the Empty Tomb. The focus will be on Becoming Missionary Disciples.



It should be noted that this retreat fulfills the retreat requirement for many of the religious recognitions, and it is **highly** recommended that those working on a recog-

nition attend this one that is put on by the Diocese.

The youth staff has planned NEW & DIFFERENT activities, so even if you were at the event in the past, (or heard how much fun you missed), you will want to attend the 2020 event! The youth created an 'Infomercial', and it **REALLY** is funny.

To see some of the excitement and worship past attendees have had then [Click Here](#) to take you to the Ros-a-Ree Home Page. From there, scroll down to the group picture and below that are some videos of the last four Ros-a-Rees.

The event is open to **ALL American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Youth, Girl Scouts, Scouts BSA & Venturers** who will be in the 6th grade (or higher) in the Fall.

Space is limited to the first 200 people that sign up, so you will want to register your troop/youth early. Note that the early bird discount will end on

7/15, but you can still sign up provided there are still openings through 7/30.

CONTEST!

There is a Register & Win contest happening this year and entering couldn't be easier. You simply needed to register for the RaR and have all your paperwork in by June 30th.

Those who do will automatically have their name entered to have their personal registration fee refunded (if their name is selected)! That's all there was to it! The winner will be announced Friday Night at the Ros-a-Ree.

[Get Contest Flyer Here](#)

If NOT entering the contest, **ALL** completed forms must be received **BEFORE** August 1.

[Ros-a-Ree Flyer Religious Recognitions Ceremony](#)



This Issue's Featured Religious Recognition: *Missio*

In each issue, we are going to feature a religious recognition that is available. This quarter's information is provided for parents, guardians, volunteers, and troop leaders who organize, conduct, and encourage youth to participate in the **Missio** program.

The program, **Missio**, is designed to invite Scouts, grades 11 - 12, to explore discipleship and their own religious identity. **Missio** was jointly created by the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States and the NFCYM. The medal can be earned as an individual, troop, or in a group setting. Workbooks can be ordered at this website:

www.nfcym.org

Program Objectives:

- To provide a meaningful achievement in a life of Christian Discipleship.
- To invite youth to explore missionary discipleship and their own religious identity.
- Promote discipleship and being a servant to others.

Eligibility:

This program is designed for any Catholic youth in 11th - 12th grade, (grades 9+ allowed), who are members of an approved youth organization (see our website for a list of organizations).

The Program:

This book is different than most of the others as it requires a mentor and not an adviser. This person could be a confirmation sponsor, a layperson, or just about anyone who is a practicing Catholic. The candidate **invites** the mentor to guide them through the activities.

- Discipleship
- Traditions of Mission
- Reflection
- Documentation

Within each chapter young adults learn what Mission means read scripture concerning Mission, and learn about individuals who helped form Mission Organizations as we know them today. Also, a project will be done showing your Missionary Discipleship.

Program Completion:

Each child must have their own original workbook (no electronic copies are allowed). In the back of the original workbook is an application form. The application requires the signature of the young adult who has completed the work, their mentor, parent/guardian, and parish priest or his designee.

With the completed form now done, go to our website at dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting/ and click on 'Religious Recognitions'. From there, click on 'Order Form'. Instructions are on the order form as to where and how to send in all that is needed.

Finally, remember to fill in the Survey Monkey form online (directions are found on the order form) so the participant's name appears in the annual Religious Recognitions ceremony program. That ceremony is held annually on the first Sunday after the Feast of St. George (April 23).

JDCCS Chairman's Corner

What Does Being Reverent Mean?

by Bill Doody

The Boy Scout Handbook explains the Scout Law's 12th and last point as follows: A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others. The wonders all around us remind us of our faith in God. We find it in the tiny secrets of creation and in the great mysteries of the universe. It exists in the kindness of people and in the teachings of our families and religious leaders. We show our reverence by living our lives according to the ideals of our beliefs.

Throughout your life, you will meet people expressing their reverence in many different ways. The Constitution of the United States guarantees each of us the freedom to believe and worship as we wish without government interference. It is your duty to respect and defend others' rights to their religious beliefs even when they differ from your own.

There is an explicit link between ideals, beliefs, and democratic citizenship. It is no coincidence that the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution contains the establishment clause (prohibiting state-mandated religion) and protecting the free exercise of religion and the freedom of assembly. Reverence involves reflection upon ethical aspirations that go beyond the "here-and-now." The Scout law describes such ethical ambitions, and the duty of reverence to God requires respect for the foundation of such aspirations.

Be a good citizen and a good Catholic by always being Reverent.

Other Religious Recognitions Available

If you are looking for additional Catholic youth activities that are easy to do, family-based, and still deepen the faith, then look no further. There are several activities that will help young Catholics learn more about their faith and Catholic role models, and become more aware of our global faith community and cultures. In this issue, we will focus on the *American Saints Series* Program.

This religious activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, deeds and devotion to prayer and the sacraments inspire all American Catholics. In the Church calendar for the United States, some have the rank of "Saint" and are venerated by the Universal Church. A beautiful patch is available for each Saint. The goal of this activity is to share the lives of several Saints so youth might relate to them better.

More information on the requirements can be found by clicking this link: [American Saints](#)



Training for Counselors Is Now Online

Why does a Scout not earn the Religious Recognition for their grade/age?

It is usually because the Scout cannot find a counselor in their area. That is such a tragedy and a disservice to our youth.

How can we fix this? The answer is to get more Counselors trained and make it EASIER for the Counselors to be trained.

Would you like to learn how to help Scouting boys or girls earn their religious recognitions and deepen their faith? Well then, we now have made it a LOT easier!

EVERYTHING you need to be trained is online and can be accessed by clicking this link: [Training for Advisers](#)

Now, through our online training, you can learn how to be an Adviser for the God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive and Missio (Girl and Others medals), or an adviser for the Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII (Boy Scout emblems).

Training is still available to individuals or small groups and can be arranged based on the trainer's availability. Call our hotline at 815-834-4012 to arrange for any training (or just to answer questions you have).



Changes to Emblem Completion Date

Changes for This Year Only Due to the National Health Crisis

In response to concerns about how our Scouts can complete their Catholic Religious Emblems during the current national health emergency, the NCCS Religious Emblems committee has approved the following recommendations and adjustments for diocesan committees to use:

For all members

- For Cubs and Scouts who are working on their Emblems in groups, we suggest continuing to work using media such as teleconferencing applications whenever possible. Be sure to follow all BSA and Diocesan youth protection guidelines.

For Cub Scouts working on Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei

- Cubs can always work on these emblems in their families. No counselor is needed.
- Cubs should complete these programs before crossing over (either moving up to Bear for Light of Christ or ScoutsBSA for Parvuli Dei.)
- For this year only, Cubs who have crossed over have until Dec. 31, 2020 to complete their religious emblem requirements, provided that they began working on the emblem before crossing over. This is a one-time exception and will expire on 12/31/2020.

For ScoutsBSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts working on Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII

- The work on these emblems is to be finished before the 18th birthday for ScoutsBSA and before the 21st birthday for Venturers and Sea Scouts.
- Boards of Review for these emblems are done according to diocesan procedures and may be held after the 18th or 21st birthday.
- For this year only, Scouts who have begun work on these emblems before their birthday and are unable to complete the requirements because of the current national health emergency have until six months after their birthday or Dec. 31, 2020, whichever is later to complete their work. This is a one-time exception and will expire on 12/31/2020.

Other Activities

- Don't forget that the NCCS Activities Committee has many patch programs to keep your Scouts engaged in their faith during this difficult time: <https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/religious-activities>.

Participate in the Virtual Retreat for 2021

Deadline for Participation is 9/7/20

Due to social distancing and safety concerns, this year's Ros-a-Ree retreat/campout had to be canceled. However, YOU can still have your own retreat experience and Earn a Special Ros-a-Ree 'Conquering COVID-19' Inspired Patch.



This is the year to make your very own retreat! To do this:

1. Download the [Make Your Own Retreat Form](#)
2. Choose the 10 items you would like to do from the Options page included on the form. You must do at least 1 item from each of the categories listed.
3. Do each of the activities you have selected.
4. Document the completion of each activity: a. Follow the instructions in red on the retreat options page. Typically, you need to write a short reflection or create a video. Please keep videos to less than 5 minutes.
5. Have a parent initial the activities/event on the Retreat Options page.
6. Turn in your documentation, to: jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com before the Deadline of Labor Day, September 7th, 2020.

Benefits of making your own retreat:

Everyone who submits a completed form will receive the special one and only, Custom Designed, Ros-a-Ree 2020 'Conquering COVID-19' Patch. Note: This is the ONLY WAY to earn this highly coveted special-edition Patch. But Wait, There's More ... In addition to receiving the Patch, the following will apply at the 2021 Ros-a-Ree (Provided we have one!).

1. The person submitting the most documented and completed items will get to attend the 2021 Ros-a-Ree for free.
2. The person submitting the 2nd most documented and completed items will get to be first in line for all meals.
3. The first person to submit a correctly completed form will get to attend the 2021 Ros-a-Ree for half price.