



**JDCCS**  
Joliet Diocese Catholic  
Committee on Scouting

# Diocese of Joliet Catholic Scouting News

Spring 2022

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scouting organizations!



## Upcoming Events

### 2022 Annual Recognitions Mass

April 24, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi,  
Bolingbrook

### 2022 Ros-a-Ree

August 6-7, 2022

Corpus Christi Parish,  
Carol Stream

### Day of Reflection

October 16, 2022

Location TBD

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## JDCCS Holds Winter Day of Reflection



Scouts from around the diocese gathered for the 2022 Winter JDCCS Day of Reflection held at our Lady of Peace Church in Darien on February 26. The theme was trusting in the Lord.

The morning began with a welcome flag ceremony and words from Fr. Stephen Eickhoff, JDCCS chaplain. Then scouts were divided into two age groups for their morning presentations. The JDCCS would like to thank Father Josh Miller from Immaculate Concep-



tion and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish and Father John Abulag of the Cathedral of St. Raymond's who spoke to the older scouts, and Carla Montagano who presented to the younger scouts.



After the presentations, the retreat concluded with a mass, celebrated by Father John. Afterwards, scouts met with committee members to receive sign offs on their religious recognition requirements. Several of the scouts earned the last award on their way to their Pillars of Faith award.

Thanks to Father Mark at Our Lady of Peace for hosting the event and to the JDCCS committee members who planned it, including Christine Caragher, Rosemarie Courtney, and Father Stephen Eickhoff. Finally, thanks to the JDCCS volunteers in attendance, particularly Alan Berkey, who helped with the great photos!

## Contact us!

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# RSVP Now for the Annual Religious Recognition Mass and Ceremony



All Catholic scouts who have earned their religious recognition since April 2021 along with their family members and friends are invited to be individually honored for their achievement at the upcoming JDCCS Annual Religious Recognition Mass and Ceremony. The mass, followed by the awards ceremony, will take place Sunday, April 24 at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bolingbrook at 2pm. We are honored to have our celebrant for this event to be Bishop Dan Conlon, assisted by JDCCS Chaplain, Fr. Stephen Eickhoff.

Scouts in attendance will receive their certificate for their achievement from Bishop Conlon and have a chance to be photographed. The Pillars of Faith recipients will be announced, along with adult awards for those who have distinguished themselves with service to Catholic scouts and the JDCCS.

We are also excited to announce that at the event, Bishop Conlon will be presented with the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Duty to God award. This national award is given in response to adult individuals who have demonstrated an exemplary history of transformational leadership in supporting and promoting the spiritual foundation of Scouting and an unswerving dedication to faith, fellowship, and national service of those whose character embodies the moral principles and shared ideals of the Scouts BSA.

Come out and support our Catholic Scouts and Bishop Conlon. RSVP is not required, but appreciated and can be done [here](#).

## Save the Date! Kankakee to Host Fall Day of Recollection Again

The date for the second Annual Fall Day of Recollection has been set for October 16, 2022. The event will take place at St John Paul II parish in Kankakee as it did last year. The theme will be Navigate Our Faith: Theotokos (Greek for “Mother of God”). Mark your calendar and watch for details to come!

# Chairman's Corner



I'd like to introduce you to two very special members of the JDCCS committee—Rosemarie Courtney (left) and Christine Carager (right). These ladies have a special place on the committee because they represent the Girl Scouts of the USA. In fact, Rosemarie told me that on April 1, she will have been with the girl scouts (either as a scout or a leader) for 71 years!

I am always humbled by the amazing devotion and scouting experience I see from our committee members. They have years on me in terms of leading youth, helping the diocese, and especially leading campouts and keeping youth active and safe in the outdoors. I am grateful for their service!

Scouters like these ladies help our committee function in a very special capacity because the JDCCS does not only serve Scouts BSA, but ALL CATHOLIC SCOUTS, including Girl Scouts of the USA, the American Heritage Girls, and technically Campfire Scouts and

Troops of St. George. It means that our religious recognitions, faith-building Catholic experiences like our Days of Recollection, and the Ros-a-Ree campout are meant to complement the spiritual growth of Catholic Scouts, whatever organization they are in.

But sadly, we do not have REPRESENTATION from all scouting groups on our committee. We can always use more folks from the Girl Scouts of the USA, as well as someone from the American Heritage Girls, Campfire Scouts, etc. If you are a Catholic scout leader, know that serving on the committee is a great way to bring the Catholic faith into your group, and for you to actively help youth grow in faith, either as an advisor for a religious medal or a volunteer at an in-person event. If the Lord is tugging at your heart as you read this, I hope you'll get in touch with us to learn more. Just like Rosemarie and Chris, we know you can make a difference!

-Karen Dix

This Issue's Featured Adult Patch:

## The Bronze Pelican



In every issue, we feature a religious recognition that ADULTS can earn! This month we feature the *Bronze Pelican*.

The Bronze Pelican is a diocesan recognition given to adults who have made a significant and outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in any Scouting program. It may be presented to any adult, Scouter or non-Scouter, a member of the laity or religious, or a member of another faith in recognition of consistent support of the Scouting program. Recipients must be exemplary adults and members in good standing in their respective positions in Scouting and in their faith communities and have the approval of their pastor before the recognition is given. Click [here](#) for more information on nominating someone for the Bronze Pelican in the Joliet Diocese.

## Signs You Need to Join the JDCCS

- You're a Catholic, a scouter or scout leader, or a clergy member or in ministry that is familiar with scouting
- You know many other Catholics and Catholic scouters and scout leaders
- You want to see Catholic scouting continue and increase
- You want to see young scouts deepen, grow in and retain their Catholic faith.
- You see opportunities the JDCCS may be missing
- You have the ability to help the JDCCS increase their presence among scouts and scouting groups in the diocese
- You have an up-to-date VIRTUS account
- You are willing to attend one meeting a month (often virtually) and help with committee events
- You can contribute to the mission of the JDCCS with expertise in event planning, organization, fundraising, communication, etc.

If you check a lot of these boxes, reach out to us at [jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com](mailto:jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com) to learn more about becoming a committee member.

This Issue's Featured Activity Patch:

# Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration is when Jesus, in the form of the Consecrated Host, is placed inside the Monstrance in a clear window for us to see. Jesus is seen in the form of a white host, a white circle, in the clear window at the center of the Monstrance. It is a special time of prayer before the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. Adoration is showing that we know God is truly God, our Savior, and the

creator of everything that exists.

Requirements to complete this activity are different for each age group, and are available for 1st grade through adult. [Here](#) is a link for more information. A beautiful 3 inch patch is available upon completion of this recognition.

## Looking for a Group or Advisor to Help Your Scout Earn Their Religious Recognition?

Reach out to us at [jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com](mailto:jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com) to find an advisor or facilitator for your religious recognition or search the [Trained Adviser](#) List on the website.

As advisors form groups, they also are encouraged to have us post their information on our website. Always check the [groups formation page](#).



This Issue's Featured Youth Recognition:

## Pillars of Faith



**Pillars of Faith: Duty to God** is awarded to those members of the Boy Scouts of America who have earned all four of the Catholic Religious emblems: *Light of Christ*, *Parvuli Dei*, *Ad Altare Dei*, and *Pope Pius XII*. The recognition consists of a golden pin which can be worn on the Scout uniform or as a lapel pin on non-Scout clothing. This is a special recognition and as such it is only awarded once a year, at the Annual Religious Recognitions Mass & Ceremony. Eligible youth should complete pages 2 & 3 of the application before their

21st birthday and forward it to the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting at the address on the application. [Click Here for Application](#).

**Pillars of Faith: Service to God** is awarded to youth in any scouting program who have earned all four of the Catholic Religious medals: *Family of God*, *I Live My Faith*, *Mary, the First Disciple*, and *The Spirit Alive*.

The recognition also consists of a golden pin which can be worn on the Scout uniform or as a lapel pin on non-Scout clothing. This is a special recognition and as such it is only awarded once a year, at the Annual Religious Recognitions Mass & Ceremony. Eligible youth should complete pages 2 & 3 of the application before their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and forward it to the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting at the address on the application. [Click Here for Application](#).



Click [here](#) to view past **Pillars of Faith Recipients** for both **Duty to God** and **Service to God**.

## Got VIRTUS?

The compliance requirements for clergy, employees, and volunteers who minister with minors and vulnerable adults in the diocese have undergone some changes, beginning in February 2020. The Diocese of Joliet's Office of Child and Youth Protection has a chart on the diocesan website that spells out the compliance requirements for all who work, minister, and volunteer with minors/vulnerable adults. You can access it [here](#).

Volunteers who work with minors/vulnerable adults require a VIRTUS account, completion of the Protecting God's Children course, a background check every five years, and review of diocesan policy and standards of behavior.



Volunteer with minors in a repetitive role (includes coaches, scout leaders, and those who minister with minors in religious education and youth ministry) must also take Mandated Reporter Training, review and sign an Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status, and complete a Volunteer Application.

You can check the status of your compliance by logging into your personal account on the VIRTUS website. Please take time to ensure that you are in compliance with all diocesan requirements when volunteering at JDCCS events or helping scouts earn their religious recognitions.

# Congratulations!

We want to recognize the Scouts who have earned a religious recognition medal since January 2021. We're excited to congratulate some Pillars of Faith recipients too! We hope to see you at the Annual Recognition Mass and Ceremony in April.

(Please report any inaccuracies in the listing below to [kdix.promopower@gmail.com](mailto:kdix.promopower@gmail.com))



## Light of Christ

**Our Mother of Good Counsel**

Joshua G.

**St. James the Apostle**

Sam S.

**St. Scholastica**

Edward W.



## Parvuli Dei

**Cathedral of St. Raymond,  
Joliet**

Michael B.

Megan L.

**St. Daniel the Prophet,  
Wheaton**

Jacob G.

**St. Peter & Paul, Naperville**

Leo D.

Andrew H.

Luke K.

Adam K.



## Pope Pius XII

**Cathedral of St. Raymond's**

Lorenzo B.

**St. Mary Immaculate, Plain-  
field**

Jacob S.



## Mary the First Disciple

**St. Matthew, Bloomingdale**

Emily H.

**Cathedral of St. Raymond's**

Abigail W.



## Pillars of Faith: Service

**Cathedral of St. Raymond's**

Abigail W.



## Pillars of Faith: Duty To God

**Cathedral of St. Raymond's**

Lorenzo B.



# ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS

**Ros-a-Ree theme announcement**

**SPEAKERS**

**MORE FOOD**

**FOOD**

**PRAYER**

**GAMES**

**SKITS**

**MY SAINTS  
ACADEMIA**

**Scouts BSA**

**Girl Scouts**

**Troops of St. George**

**A. H. G.**

American Heritage Girls

**CATHOLIC SCOUTING RETREAT**

**Aug 6/7 2022**

Sat morning to Sun late-morning/afternoon

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Carol Stream IL

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**SAVE THE DATE**