



Diocese of Joliet Catholic Scouting News

Quarterly Newsletter

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Day of Recollection

February 26, 2022

Our Lady of Peace

Darien

2022 Annual

Recognitions Mass

April 24, 2022

Location TBD

JDCCS Meeting

September 21, 2021

Online

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Small Ros-a-Ree Was a Big Success!

Even though the pandemic and its various restrictions worked against some to attend the 2021 Ros-a-Ree, the retreat took place nonetheless on a beautiful, sunny, August 14 at Corpus Christi Church in Carol Stream. The theme was "Sherlock Holmes and the Empty Tomb."

About 25 people (participants and staff) attended the retreat, which concentrated on unfolding three mysteries of the Catholic faith through three dynamic speakers. John Lamperis, the director of Camp Rock, reminded us that the love of the trinity multiplies in our daily lives. The second speaker was Deacon Duane Wozek from St. Anne in Oswego who spoke to us about the nourishment we receive from the Eucharist, and the third was Ros-a-Ree founder Bill Doody who presented the evidence we have to prove the mystery of the Resurrection.

Throughout the day we were amused and inspired by the episodic adventures of Sherlock Scout on video. The series was written, acted and directed by members of Crew 3:16, the group who planned the Ros-a-Ree. The Ros-a-Ree staff outdid themselves with planning fun challenge activities, especially an Escape Room with clues based upon the sacraments of the Catholic church.

Alternated with the fun and games were special times of quiet prayer, including Eucharistic Adoration,

where the attendees learned about and received blessed scapulars. The group also prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the three o'clock Holy Hour, and participated in a living rosary before the day completed.

The JDCCS would like to thank the team that made the day possible, especially the adult leaders Bill Doody (Ros-a-Ree chairman, speaker, and logistics), Donna Doody (Ros-a-Ree Admin Chair, logistics), Janeen Feldman Ros-a-Ree video director), Eric Grownney (Ros-a-Ree Escape Room Chair), Julie Schaefer (Ros-a-Ree Program Chair), Matthew Striedl (Ros-a-Ree Challenge Games & Campfire Skits Chair as well as the youth leaders of Crew 3:16, who led the participants throughout the day, helped act in the video and performed in the "campfire" skits. They included Stephen Bull (aka Sherlock Scout and script writer); James Grownney, Matthew King, Fynn MacShane, Cassie Schaefer (retreat co-emcee), Nicole Schaefer, Rose Striedl (Co-Emcee), and Stephen Talbot. Finally, a big heartfelt thanks to the parish of Corpus Christi, especially Deacon Bill Thomas for his help with Adoration, and the speakers.

If you missed the Ros-a-Ree this year, we hope to see you next year. If you are interested in helping with the Ros-a-Ree in the future, please let us know at the JDCCS!

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Save the Date! Day of Recollection Plans Announced!

The next JDCCS Day of Recollection Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Our Lady of Peace Church in Darien. The retreat is an inspiring day featuring speakers for the older participants and activities and a simple lesson for the younger ones. A group Mass closes out the day and all leave uplifted by the discussions that take place.

The event is especially useful for Scouts who may be working on a religious medal and need to attend a retreat to fulfill a requirement. Scouts can also sign up to have a board of review and obtain needed signatures to complete religious recognition requirements, which take place after the mass.

This year's theme for the retreat is "Trusting in God." This event is open to any Catholic scout from grades 1-12 from Cub Scouts, Scouts

BSA, the Girl Scouts of the USA, American Heritage Girls and Campfire Girls. Every scout must register individually and be accompanied by an adult if not attending with a troop with two-deep leadership.

Registration and permission slips are now available on the JDCCS website. The deadline for registration will be Monday, February 21, 2022, and the cost will be \$5 per child/youth, with parents attending for free with registration. No "walk-ins" will be allowed and mail-in registration is required.

Each participant will receive a participation patch, a new totem (if he/she does not have one yet) and beads to add to their totem. Save the date and hope to see you there! Call Chris Caragher at 630-842-4219 (cell) or 815-280-5108 (home) with any questions.

One More for St. George!

The St. George Trek is scheduled for July 6-21, 2022 at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. It is a biennial, high adventure, backpacking retreat program for Catholic Scouts and Ventures administered by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting in cooperation with Scouts BSA and Philmont Scout Ranch. The program brings Catholic high school youth from around the country together with selected priests, religious and seminarians for eleven days of backpacking in the context of a vocation retreat.

The JDCCS sponsors two participants for the Trek, and they can be male or female, from any scouting organization. Scouts interested in going on the Trek as a representative of the Joliet Diocese can apply through the NCCS website [St. George Trek page](#).



Chairman's Corner



In Praise of the Ros-a-Ree!

I was one of the small, but mightily faithful few at recent Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat. This was the event's 8th year in existence. But do you know how it all got started?

As legend has it, back in 2013, Bishop Conlon attended a meeting of the JDCCS. He posed a forthright question to the committee: "Why is there no Catholic scouting retreat for the diocese?" He told the committee of his own personal experiences as a young scout. On a Friday night, his troop would pack up the trailer and join Catholic scouts from around the diocese at a local church grounds for an overnight retreat of prayer, faith, and fun. He remembered the parking lot being filled with trailers for the retreat and was surprised the same tradition had waned.

Bill Doody was on the JDCCS committee back then, and he and his wife, Donna (pictured above) have never been ones to reject a challenge. They gathered a committee of enthusiastic volunteers and launched the first Ros-a-Ree. The rest is history. And through the years, Bishop Conlon has played his own part in the Ros-a-Ree. He has come to cele-

brate Saturday morning mass with the Scouts, and he was greeted at the breakfast afterwards like a rock star in their midst.

I've personally been to two Ros-a-Rees now, once as an observer when I was new to the committee and one as the official photographer. Both were exceptionally run by the Scouts themselves, and therefore a big hit with the peers. However, here's the big secret about the Ros-a-Ree.

It's not just for the scouts. Adults benefit too.

I've participated in Catholic trivia and learned about different saints. This year I learned how the evidence we have about the Resurrection may very well hold up in a court of law. I've enjoyed getting away from weekend hustle and bustle and spending some time in individual, quiet prayer. Most of all, I've learned how youth like to laugh as much as adults do and how very talented they are with creating videos, games, and performing skits.

Time at the Ros-a-Ree is time is time well spent.

After being cancelled in 2020, the 2021 event almost didn't happen. The team faced restrictions left and right thanks to COVID, but through lots of prayer, God's grace, and the determination of the crew and especially Bill and Donna, the show went on. And God willing, it will do so again.

I wanted to take this time to thank everyone who has kept this tradition going, but particularly to Bill and Donna for introducing it. As Bill steps down from the JDCCS, I hope his work will continue through the enthusiasm of the "Ros-a-Ree faithful," as well as caring adults who desire to nurture the faith of our Catholic scouts, and their own too. I pray it will!

—Karen Dix, JDCCS Chair

This Issue's Featured Adult Recognition:

St. George Emblem



In every issue, we feature a religious recognition that ADULTS can earn! This month we feature the *St. George Emblem*.

This is the highest recognition that a diocese can bestow on an individual and it is a national award. It is given in recognition of an individual's outstanding service and contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth through Scouting. The St. George emblem may be awarded to members of the laity and clergy, Scouters and non-Scouters alike. Nomination forms should give a detailed description

of how the nominee provides outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through Scouting in the Catholic Church. It is improper to nominate oneself or one's immediate family members.

Do you know a scout leader who has made a difference for Catholic Scouting? [Click here](#) for more information on nominating someone for the St. George Emblem in the Joliet Diocese.

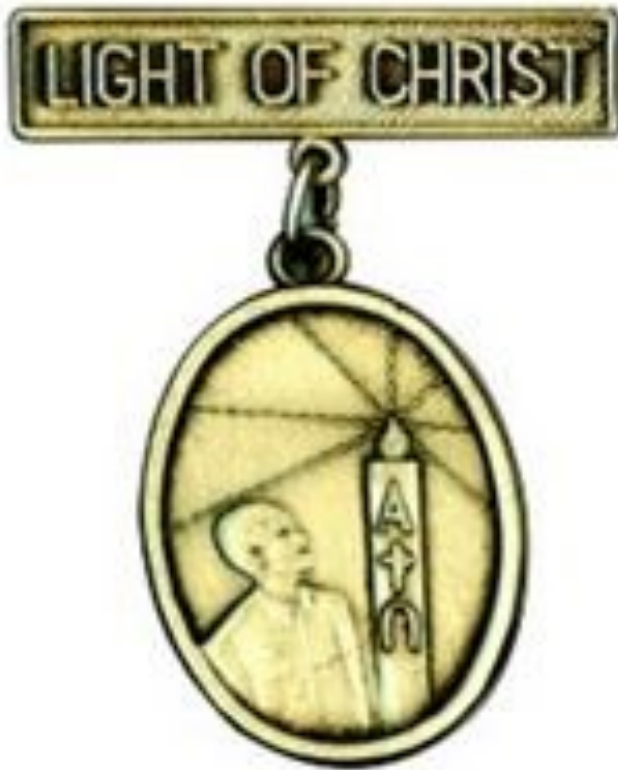
JDCCS Needs You!

We're looking to grow our team! Do you want to grow Catholic Scouting in the Joliet Diocese? Are you involved with GSUSA, BSA, Campfire, or American Heritage Girls? Please join us! We meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is September 21, 2021 17 at 7:00 pm online. Email jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com to be sent an invitation.



This Issue's Featured Religious Recognition:

Light of Christ



Designed for Cub Scouts in grades one and two (Tiger and Wolf), the purpose of the Light of Christ program is to have the Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus

Christ, as a real person and his friend. This type of relationship will allow the Scout to better understand and appreciate Christ's love and concern for him.

This emblem does not require a councilor. This program is intended to support the role of the parents as the primary catechists of their children and to foster early family religious involvement. Parents must work with their Scout to complete this emblem by working through the Activity Book. For more information go to: [Light of Christ](#)

Trained Advisors Wanted!

We can never have enough trained advisors for our religious recognition programs! And becoming a trained advisor is easier than you think. The training you need is all online at the website link [here](#). After completing the online activities and videos, send in your application with the final quiz to be officially added to our list of trained advisors.

If you have already attended an in-person class (such as the Training Academy), you need only indicate that to the committee and you can send in your application and quiz to be approved as an advisor. If you have any questions about getting trained, please reach out to us at the JDCCS.

This Issue's Featured Activity Patch:

Vocations Awareness Patch



Vocation Awareness is an annual event which is slated for November 7-13, 2021. It is a weeklong celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through education and prayer. It is also a

time to pray in support for those who are considering one of these vocations. The Patch can be earned ANYTIME, and not just during Vocations Awareness Week. Eligibility: youth or adult - Scout or non-Scout, male or female.

For information on the patch requirements: [Patch Requirements](#)

For more information on Vocations Awareness Week: [National Vocation Awareness Week](#)

Order this patch from the Diocese of Joliet Catholic Committee on Scouting at: [Order Form](#)

For worksheets to help complete the requirements for this patch: [Worksheets](#)

New Classes Forming

Looking to pursue a religious medal this fall? Class will be in session for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII classes forming in Joliet and Naperville. See the religious recognition group formation class page of the JDCCS website for details [here](#).

Youth Kudos



The JDCCS congratulates Eagle Scout and Ad Altare Dei medal recipient Logan Goodbred, a scout from Troop 31 in Oswego who earned one of the National Committee on Catholic Scouting (NCCS) scholarship. The diocese is proud to have one of our own earn this prestigious award. Logan also earned the Central Region Eagle Scout Project of the year award for planning the construction of a memorial to honor first responders.

Congrats to Girl Scout Shaela O'Keefe, who was recently featured in *Christ is Our Hope* magazine for her Gold project. This young lady also earned all FOUR Girl Scout Catholic medals from the JDCCS--including the Pillars of Faith Award!

Thank you, Logan and Shaela, for your great example of Catholic scouting!



See You at Scouting Spectacular!

The JDCCS will have an exhibit at the Scouting Spectacular College of DuPage location next Saturday, September 18. Be sure to stop by and say hi! For registration and more information about the event, visit the Three Fires Council website [here](#).

Congratulations!

We want to recognize the Scouts who have earned a religious recognition medal from July and August of this year. We hope you will continue on to your NEXT JDCCS recognition!

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



Light of Christ

Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst

Andrew Repking
Ernie Sweley
Jack Vanderkamp

Maternity BVM, Bradley

Savannah Barrie

Sacred Heart Parish, Lombard

Tyler Ackerman
Ellis Dragovich

St. Barbara, Lombard

Dan Bambas

St. James, Lemont

Quinn Krueger

St. Michael, Wheaton

Nathan Agema
Patrick Barbieri
Dominic Estkowski
Tyler Eskowski
Alexander Jost

St. Pius X, Lombard

Mario Pesola
Frankie Romano
Landon Wheeler

Visitation, Elmhurst

Nathan Kosik



Parvuli Dei

Our Mother of Good Counsel, Homer Glen

Dillon Kuczero
Jackson Kuczero

St. Pius X, Lombard

Joseph Corry
Jackie McShane
Ryan Perez
Alexander Riggs

St. Michael, Wheaton

Joseph Dominski
McKinnon Grynowicz



Ad Altare Dei

St. Francis of Assisi

Patrick Norton

Congratulations, Scouts!

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 in different situations. 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.

