

# 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

### 2021 Events

Boy Scout Sunday	2/7/21
Day of Recollection (1/2 Day)	2/27/21
Girl Scout Sunday	3/7/21
Religious Recognitions Event	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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## Join us February 27th at the: *Day of Recollection - Help Others at All Times*

Were you aware that your Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting hosts an annual Day of Recollection?

No? Well then, put February 27th, 2021, on your calendar, and plan to attend with your Scout! The theme for his year is Help Others at All Times.

This Annual Catholic Scout event is for the benefit of ALL Catholic Scouts - male and female.

The event is open to ALL Catholic American Heritage Girls, All Levels of the Girl Scouts of the USA, Cub Scouts, Explor-

ers, Scouts BSA and Venture Scouts, ages 6 through age 20.



The event will be split into two sessions that will run simultaneously: Session I will be for Scouts in grades K - 5 and Session II will be for Scouts in grades 6 and older. The topic for ALL Scouts is on being helpful and helping other people at all times.

It will be held on February 27th, 2021, from 9am-1pm (the building opens at 8:30am).

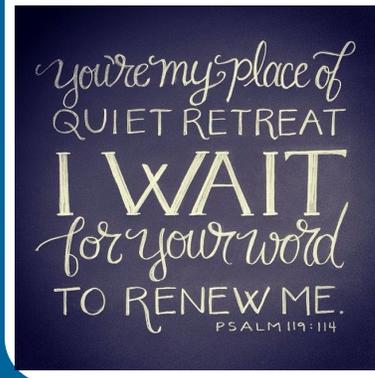
This year it will be held at Our Lady of Peace School located at 701 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

**Note:** This year **MAY** be a virtual event due to Covid-19 restrictions. Keep an eye on the website link at the end of this article for any updates.

Note that members of the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting will be available for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII boards of review PROVIDED that it is requested on the Registration Form.

All information and forms, are on our website and Facebook group. Click the links below for updates on registration and forms.

[Day of Recollection Facebook Group](#)



# This Issue's Featured Religious Recognition: *Marian Medal*

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 **Mary, the First Disciple** program.

The purpose of the Mary, the First Disciple program is to enable Scouts of the Catholic faith to "proclaim the greatness of the Lord." This is accomplished by actively involving the participants in series of activities that give them an understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality

### Program Objectives:

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, siblings, and the world around them.

### Eligibility:

- This program is designed for any Catholic youth in grades 7-10, (grades 7+ allowed), who are members of an approved youth organization (see our website for a list of organizations).

### The Program:

Chapters of the book include:

- Called and Chosen
- God With Us
- Mary Made a Difference

### Classes:

Contact Rosemarie Courtney - [rdcourtney1940@gmail.com](mailto:rdcourtney1940@gmail.com)

### Program Tips:

The first meeting should be with a parent/guardian where the program is explained and page 48 is completed.

The first four formal classes should start with the Rosary each time with a different set of Mysteries.

If starting in the Spring try to time the section concerning Pentecost with the feast of Pentecost. This brings it alive in the participant's mind.

Making a knotted cord/twine Rosary, a copy of a Nuptial Blessing and a list of Marian Shrines in the area can be found here: [Helpful Files for advisers](#)

While working on a service project, participants can work with other groups in their church or community. Participants can work on service projects as individuals or in a group.

Each participant is required to have their own workbook. Workbooks are available at: <http://store.nfcym.org>  
Allow two weeks for delivery.

### 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 parent/guardian and participant sign the application indicating that the program has been completed. Next, it is signed by the adult adviser and lastly by the parish designate.

With the completed form now done, go to our website at [dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting/](http://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 is Loyalty?

by Bill Doody

The merits of loyalty are often debated – anyone who has ever been hurt by someone they considered a true friend can attest to the fact that loyalty is a double-edged sword. But no one who has ever found himself in need of a true friend can deny it is one of the most valuable gifts in the world. But as valuable it is, it can also be exceedingly rare.

Perhaps one of the reasons that it is such a rare quality these days is that loyalty is so easy to be misplaced. How many times have you given your loyalty to a person only to realize that your trust has been betrayed and your faith broken? But without loyalty, families are broken, and friendships are empty.

Jerry Lewis said: I have a loyalty that runs in my bloodstream when I lock into someone or something, you can't get me away from it because I commit to that thoroughly. That's in friendship, that's in a deal, that's in a commitment. Don't give me paper – I can get the same lawyer who drew it up to break it. But if you shake my hand, that's for life.

As leaders, we need to model loyalty for our Scouts like the 2nd point of the Scout Law says. Are you?

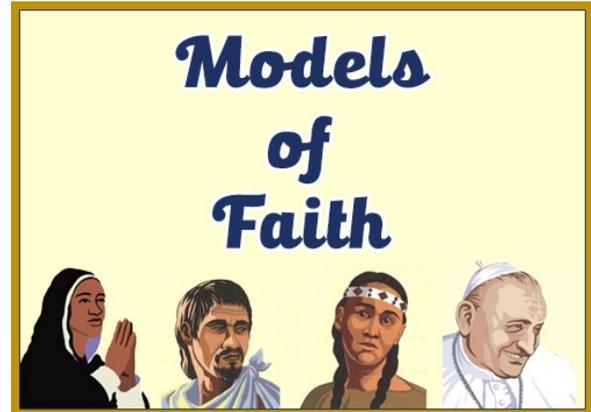
# Other Religious Recognitions Available

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 *Models of Faith* Program.

Throughout the long tradition of the Catholic Church, women and men have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to stand up for the faith in the midst of great trials and at deep personal risk.

Learn more about these great Models of Faith: Gianna Molla, Mother Teresa, Pope John XXIII, Saint Monica, St. Kateri Tekawitha, St. Anne, St. Juan Diego, and Ven Pauline Jaricot.

More information on the requirements can be found by clicking this link: [nfcym.org](http://nfcym.org)



# 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).



# Follow Catholic Scouts On Facebook!

While Facebook began as a way for college students and other young adults to connect online, it has become a staple for businesses and community organizations. As of the Fall of 2018, the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting has launched its own Facebook page. As it is a private group, you will need to request permission to join and be asked a few questions about your affiliation with Scouting before gaining access to the page. Please join today at: [JDCCS Facebook Page](#)



The page will post reminders of upcoming JDCCS events like the Ros-a-Ree and the Day of Recollection, including photos and other news of interest to Catholic Scouters.

We are hopeful that our Facebook page will create a place to successfully bring Catholic Scouters together, and that we develop a loyal following that will continue to grow.

## Scout Sunday Coming Soon for Boys & Girls

### Boy Scout Sunday is February 7, 2021

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate.

On this important day, Scouts give back in visible and meaningful ways. In some units, that means simply wearing the full field uniform to worship services, where the priest presents religious awards to Scouts and Scouters.

Start planning your celebration today with your parish. They may have ideas and suggestions for the celebration. If your parish is looking to you for the planning and you are fresh out of ideas, try the links on our website (see the webpage listed below):

#### [Events, Meetings & Training](#)

If your parish is planning a celebration, send us an email with the date, time, place, and any details, and we will publish it on our website.

### Girl Scout Sunday is March 7, 2021

The Girl Scouts of the USA designate the Sunday before March 12th (Girl Scout Birthday) as Girl Scout Sunday.

This is a great time to reflect on what it means to be a Girl Scout and all of the amazing things Girl Scouts do to make the world a better place. In celebration of this Girl Scout tradition, check out some of the awesome activities we've listed below to make your Girl Scout week special!

Start planning your celebration today with your parish. They may have ideas and suggestions for the celebration. If your parish is looking to you for the planning and you are fresh out of ideas, try the links on our website (see the webpage listed below):

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# Be Sure to Attend the Day of Recollection February 27, 2021



## DIOCESE OF JOLIET Catholic Committee on Scouting ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION 'Help Others at All Times' February 27, 2021

### Location:

Our Lady of Peace School located at 701 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

The event is open to all Catholic American Heritage Girls, All Levels of the Girl Scouts of the USA, Cub Scouts, Explorers, Scouts BSA and Venture Scouts.

Building Opens at: 8:30am / Program runs to 1pm

This retreat is a magnificent event for any Scout who has worked or is working on a Religious Recognition or perhaps needs to attend a Day of Recollection to satisfy a recognition requirement. It is also for anyone who wants to learn more about their faith. A Scout might just be curious as to just what a Day of Recollection is or what Religious Recognitions are available for Boys and Girls to earn – We will cover that too! We will also have awesome presenters!

Scouts Grades 6 -12  
Help People at All Times



Grades K – 5  
Help People at All Times



The cost for youth and adults attending is \$10.00.

All attending in grades K-5 must have one adult with them.

Registration is due by February 22, 2021.

### For more Information

Website: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting>

Email: <mailto:jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com>

General Info Phone: 815-834-4012

Boards of Review are available after the event for Scouts who are earning their Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII. There is no charge for the Board of Review.