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Joliet Diocese Catholic  
Committee on Scouting

# Diocese of Joliet Catholic Scouting News

Summer 2022

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## Upcoming Events

### 2022 Ros-a-Ree

August 6-7, 2022

Corpus Christi Parish,  
Carol Stream

### Day of Recollection

October 16, 2022

St John Paul II Parish,  
Kankakee

### 2023 Annual Mass and Religious Recognition

#### Ceremony

April 23, 2023

Location TBD

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## Registration for 2022 Ros-A-Ree Now Open



It's time to get your registration in for the 2022 JDCCS Ros-a-Ree retreat. We are excited to announce that after being held as a one-day event in 2021 and cancelled in 2020 because of the pandemic, the tradition of the campout will return this year. The event will take place August 6-7 at Corpus Christi parish in Carol Stream.

If you've never been to the Ros-a-Ree, we suggest you gather the Catholic scouts in your troop and head out this year for a weekend of fun and worship! Our theme is "Our Saints Academia," learning how to be a superhero



for your faith and using the special gifts you have in the service of Christ. We will be exploring prayer, service, and scripture through speakers, games, small group discussions, and service. Back by popular demand, there will also be a themed "escape room." Prayer and reflection times will be plentiful too, with a Living Rosary, Sunday morning mass and Eucharistic Adoration.



A living rosary is a tradition of the retreat.

Registration includes t-shirt, Saturday lunch and dinner, as well as Sunday breakfast. The retreat will end after Sunday morning mass.

The earlier you sign up, the more you save! Cost for the retreat is \$35 before July 11! All information and online registration is available on the [Ros-a-Ree web page](#). If you would like to send out a flyer to your troop or friends, access it [here](#).



There's fun for all at the Ros-a-Ree!

## Contact us!

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# Scouts Recognized at Mass and Annual JDCCS Religious Recognitions Ceremony



Scouts and scout leaders from around the Joliet Diocese gathered on April 26 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Bolingbrook for the Annual Religious Recognition Mass and Ceremony of the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting (JDCCS). This year, 27 scouts from Scouts BSA and the Girl Scouts of the USA were at the Mass to be honored for receiving their Catholic religious recognitions. They represented a sample of the 83 Catholic scouts from around the diocese who had earned their religious recognitions since last year's Mass.

Before beginning the award ceremony, the Most Reverent R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Joliet, celebrated a Mass with the help



of scouts serving as lectors and servers. At the awards ceremony which immediately followed, Bishop Conlon presented certificates to the scouts who had earned religious

awards. They included the Girl Scouts who had earned a God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Marian Medal, or Spirit Alive award. One Girl Scout, Abigail White from the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, was presented with the special Pillars of Faith-

Service award for receiving all four of the Catholic awards available to Girl Scouts.

Bishop Conlon also presented certificates to the scouts from Scouts BSA who had earned their Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII emblems. One Boy Scout, Lorenzo Bonk from the Cathedral of St. Raymond's in Joliet, received the special Pillars of Faith-Duty to God award for completing all four of the religious recognitions available to Scouts BSA members.

Adults in the Catholic scouting program were also honored, including Bishop Conlon who was presented with the National Duty to God Award from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) on behalf of his

service to Catholic Boy Scouts on the local and national level. The recognition was well earned, as Bishop Conlon is the USCCB Liaison to the



National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS), a role he continues to hold. He has also led 10-day St. George Treks at Philmont, guiding the scouts in discerning religious life. He has served as the Catholic chaplain, and as a member of Diocesan Catholic Committees on Scouting in the dioceses he has served, as well as serving on the board of four scouting councils. He currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster at the St. Joseph Parish in Manhattan, Illinois. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, a recipient of both the Silver Beaver and the Silver St. George awards, and a great ambassador for Catholic scouting and the Catholic Church.

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# Chairman's Corner



## “How can I help?”

As the JDCCS chair, these are the four most magical words I can hear! Today I will answer this question as succinctly as possible.

There are four major ways that any Catholic parent or Catholic scout leader can help us:

**JOIN THE COMMITTEE!** The next meeting of the JDCCS is **AUGUST 15**. That’s where we make plans and discuss decisions. It’s a great place to find out “where” you want to volunteer in the program to make the most impact! We are off for the summer but typically meet the third Tuesday of the month. Reach out to us if interested in attending.

**PROMOTE THE PROGRAM!** Too often, we are a well-kept secret. If you are reading this, you can use your voice to bring other Catholic scouts to our [website](#), our [Face-](#)

[book page](#), or one of our [upcoming retreats](#). Spread the word by distributing our flyers at your scout meetings, making announcements, or sharing our posts on social media. As St. Teresa of Avila said, “Christ has no body on Earth but ours...” Help us do His work!

**TRAIN TO BE AN ADVISOR!** As scouts get older, their religious recognitions require a trained advisor. Training is online and accessible. Consider serving this way, especially if there is a group of Catholic scouts in your unit who you could help earn the awards. VIRTUS certification is required.

**ATTEND AN EVENT!** We are always looking for more leaders to help lead or just chaperone our events. Right now, we are still seeking help with the Ros-a-Ree retreat. Let us know if you are interested!

If any of these appeal to you, reach out to us at [jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com](mailto:jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com) and let us know how you’d like to help

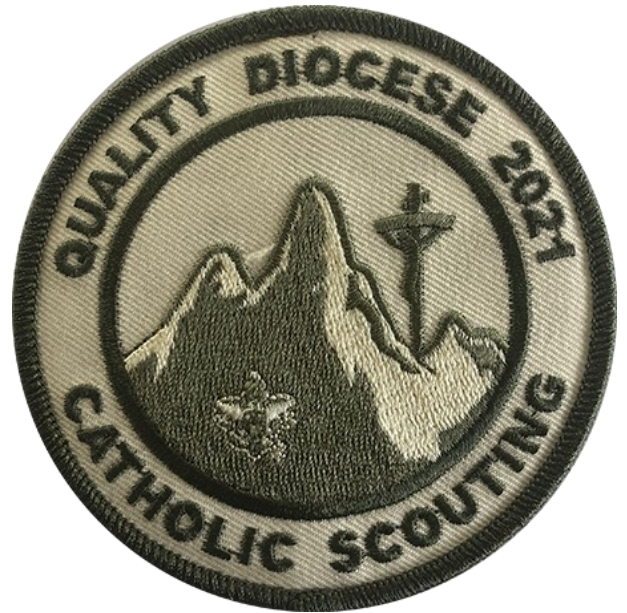
Finally, we ask for your prayers to protect our Scouts and keep them open to the faith, just as He may protect us, who strive to do His will. And that’s how you can help!

YIS,  
Karen Dix,  
JDCCS Chair



## We Did it Again!

For the 13th year in a row, the JDCCS has earned the Quality Diocese Award from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). This is an award in recognition of our committee's achievement in awarding religious recognitions as well as planning events and performing other activities to promote Catholic Scouting. Thanks to everyone involved in Catholic Scouting in the Joliet Diocese, including our committee members, all religious advisors and parents who have helped scouts earn their awards, all attendees of our Days of Recollection and retreats, and our diocesan Chaplain Fr. Stephen Eickhoff and diocesan representative, Colleen Case, for all their help in making the earning of this award possible.



## 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!

This Issue's Featured Activity Patch:

# Eucharistic Adoration



Did you know that the Vatican has only approved one Marian Apparition site in the United States? It was by a young woman in Wisconsin named Adele Brise. She had several visions of Mary and the local residents trusted Mary with their safety during a large fire. Do you have faith to believe?

The “Our Lady of Good Help” patch is part of the Marian Series of activity patches.

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:

# I Live My Faith



I Live My Faith is designed for girls in grades 4-5. The program is designed around the themes of belief, sacraments, Catholic Christian living, and prayer. Each theme provides a variety of opportunities to explore the areas spanning from art to technology and from research to drama. As youth work through the program, they will reflect on what we believe as Catholics, how we celebrate those beliefs through sacraments, and how prayer fits into our lives. It is designed to be worked on by a parent and their child and using the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a guideline. It is online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). For more information go to: [I Live My Faith](#)

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Other adult awards presented at the ceremony included the St. Anne Medal, which went to Fr. Stephen Eickhoff of St. Liborius in Steger for his service to scouts through the JDCCS events. Three other scout leaders were honored with the Bronze Pelican award which is a service recognition from the JDCCS. They were Esmeralda Bonk and Angelique Minett from the Cathedral of St. Raymond's in Joliet and Stephanie Quigley from St. Joseph in Bradley. Alan Berkey of Our Mother of Good Counsel in Homer Glen received the St. George Emblem, a national award, for his service to the Catholic scouting program over the years.

Finally, two Scouts BSA troops, Troop 300B and 300G from St. Patrick Catholic Church from Kankakee, received the Pope Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award. The award is given to scout units who meet specific requirements in the areas of adult leadership, service, and earning religious recognitions. The JDCCS was also pleased to announce that they had earned the Quality Diocese Award for their good work on behalf of scouting for the eleventh year in a row.

The JDCCS is thankful to St. Francis of Assisi for hosting our event and to our diocesan liaison for their support in making this another great year of helping scouts earn their religious awards. To learn more about Catholic awards available to scouts from the JDCCS and how to earn them, please visit the website at [dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting](http://dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting). And mark your calendars for next year's JDCCS Annual Religious Awards Mass & Ceremony on April 23, 2023.



## 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 our last printing!

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



## Light of Christ

**St. Joseph, Bradley**  
Alexandria Q.

**St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove**  
Giovanni Paolo L.  
Calvin V.  
Adam H.

**St. Pius X, Lombard**  
Nicholas G.  
Jayden C.

**St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville**  
Pierce V.



## Parvuli Dei

**Assumption of the BVM, Joliet**  
Aidan M.

**Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet**  
Noah L.

**St. Margaret Mary, Naperville**  
Mitchell F.

**St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove**  
Ben H.  
Niccolo L.

**St. Michael, Wheaton**  
Patrick S.  
Daniel C.  
Arthur W.  
Trent W.

**St. Pius X, Lombard**  
Kyle C.  
Zachariah S.

**St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville**  
Owen V.



## Ad Altare Dei

**St. Pius X, Lombard**  
Quentin M.  
Miles R.



## Family of God

**St. Joseph, Bradley**  
Lucy Q.

**St. Michael, Wheaton**  
Beatrice F.

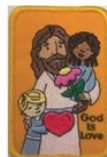
**Sacred Heart, Lombard**  
Alexa B.  
Braelyn B.  
Hannah H.  
Abigail M.  
Bertille P.  
Eden R.  
Ashley S.



## I Live My Faith

**St. Joseph, Bradley**  
Jane Q.

**Sacred Heart, Lombard**  
Nadia C.  
Fiona F.  
Sunee K.  
Gwendolyn P.  
Natalie T.



## God is Love

**Sacred Heart, Lombard**  
Kary B.  
Adeline S.  
Emma S.  
Abigail T.



## Spirit Alive

**Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet**  
Abigail W.



# 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**