

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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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 Scouts (American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Camp Fire Youth, Cub Scouts,

Girl Scouts, Scouts BSA, & Venturers), 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.

All participants will attend an opening, & then break out for their age-appropriate sessions. There will also be a full Mass for all.

It will be held on February 27th, 2021, from 9am-1pm (check-in is from 8:30am-9:00am). This year it will be held at the National Shrine and Museum of St. Therese located at 8501 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois. Attendees are welcome (and encouraged) to tour the museum after the event.

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 a request is made on the registration form.

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

[Day of Recollection](#)

[Facebook Group](#)

*You're my place of
QUIET RETREAT
I WAIT
for your word
TO RENEW ME.*
PSALM 119:114

This Issue's Featured Religious Recognition: *Ad Altare Dei*

Each issue we are going to feature a religious recognition that is available. This quarter the information provided is for parents/guardians and unit leaders who organize and conduct the Catholic **Ad Altare Dei** program.

The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (to the Altar of God) program is to help Catholic Boy Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized into chapters based on the seven Sacraments. The seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth.

Program Objectives:

The most important aspect of the program is that the Scout grows in their spiritual experience of their relationship to God and the church.

Eligibility:

This program is designed for Catholic youth 13 – 14 years old (6th grade + allowed), who are members of any BSA program. Older Scouts and all registered Venturers (male or female under age 21) are eligible for this program.

The Program:

Each chapter in the Youth's AAD Manual is divided into five sections.

The first section (Life Experiences) examines situations from the Scout's life and relates that experience to the Sacraments.

The second section (Activity) has various activities for the Scout to see this relationship in action.

The third section (Faith Response) provides the Scout with the opportunity to respond to the call of God through the Sacrament. This is where a scout places their belief into practice.

The fourth section (Sign-off) has both the counselor and the scout certifying completion of the chapter.

The fifth section (Follow-up) has the youth relate to their progress on the emblem to their Unit Leader. This can be done during the next SM Conference or when that the SM designates.

The first page of the AAD Scout Manual is an application that needs to be completed by all Scouts working on the AAD emblem. This is so many members of the faith community will be aware that the Scout is working on their religious emblem.

It typically takes Scouts 8 to 12 months to complete the entire program.

Program Completion:

Each child must have their own original workbook (no electronic copies are allowed). In the original workbook is an 'Emblem Application Form'. The Scout and their Counselor sign the workbook indicating that the program has been completed. Next, the Scout has a Board of Review, and after successful completion, the application will be signed by each person who helped conduct the Board of Review.

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 & 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 Trustworthy?

by Bill Doody

During a meeting at work last week, one of my colleagues said to another; "You cannot buy trust, you have to earn it." I found that fascinating and it reminded me of the first point of the Boy Scout Law - Trustworthy.

It made me ask myself what it means to be trustworthy? What are the traits of a trustworthy person? While thinking of the trustworthy Scouts and Scouters I know, the following traits came to mind:

1. They are consistent. People want to see consistent, positive behavior in the people they trust.
2. They are humble. They realize that the efforts of the team really make things happen, versus what they can individually accomplish.
3. They have integrity. People want other people around them that stand up for what is right in life, even when no one is watching.
4. They are authentic. Authentic people are not trying to be above anyone else. They are likable, humble, and easy to talk to.

As leaders, we need to model trustworthiness for our Scouts just like the 1st 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 *Marian Series* Program.

The Church calendar for the United States includes nineteen commemorative Marian feasts. Each activity in this series examines one of the nineteen feasts and focuses on how and why the Church has honored Mary for more than 2,000 years. There are 5 activities in this series and a beautiful 3" patch is available for each activity (examples are shown of each on the right).

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



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>.

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



DIOCESE OF JOLIET Catholic Committee on Scouting ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION 'Leap of Faith' February 27, 2021

Location:

National Shrine and Museum of St. Therese, located at 8501 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois.

Attendees are welcome (and encouraged) to tour the museum and gift shop after the event.

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

Check-in: 8:30a- 9:00a / Program: 9:00a– 12:15p

This retreat is a great 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's 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'll cover that too! We'll also have awesome presenters!

Scouts Grades 6 -12
Help People at All Times



Grades K – 5
Help People at All Times



Early Bird cost (before February 15th) for youth and adults attending is \$10.00.
After February 15th (including walk-ins) the cost for youth and adults attending is \$15.00.

Walk Ins Are Welcome!

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

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.