

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Scouting News

Quarterly Newsletter
Spring 2021

Proudly serving all our local
scouting organizations!



Upcoming Events

Religious Recogni-
tions Mass has been
CANCELLED due to
COVID.

Watch for more in-
formation on our
Ros-a-Ree Weekend
Retreat and Camp
out in August!



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JDCCS Day of Reflection Goes On

With masks, social distancing, tempera-
ture checks and a very sanitary environ-
ment, the Joliet Diocese Catholic Com-
mittee on Scouting (JDCCS) was able to
hold our 2021 Day of Reflection in
person on Saturday, February 27 from
9am-12pm. Our theme was "Helping
Others" and being Jesus' presence in
the world, and the event was held at
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Parish in
Darien.

Nearly 50 adults, volunteers, and scouts
attended for a day of presentations and
prayer. Father Stephen Borello, Dio-
cese of Joliet Director of Vocations, and
Father Josh Miller from St. Charles Bor-
romeo Parish in Bensenville were the
presenters for the day and spoke to the
older Scouts and answered Q&A about
how to bring the light of Christ's love
into their lives. Meanwhile, JDCCS Com-
mittee Chair Bill Doody and his wife
Donna gave a presentation and led dis-
cussions with the younger scouts on the
same theme.

After the presentations, Father Stephen

said mass, followed by boards of review
for the scouts who had completed re-
quirements for certain religious recog-
nitions. Twelve scouts from Scouts BSA
and one Girl Scout received their recog-
nitions among candidates for the Ad
Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII and Marian
medals.

The Committee wants to thank every-
one who participated, and helped plan
the event, including Christine Car-
ragher, Rosemarie Courtney and Stan
Potempa, along with those who helped
on the day of event which included Ka-
ren Dix, Bill Mamasser, Mike Mikos and
Laurette Solak. Special thanks to Tom
Courtney for creating the totems deco-
rated with a lasered Christian fish sym-
bol and Our Lady of Peace Church for
generously donating use of the church
for the day.

The Day of Reflection is one of the
events planned by the JDCCS especially
for scouts throughout the year. To learn
more about JDCCS, visit us on our Face-
book or diocesan webpage!

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Pictured: Joliet Diocese Catholic Scouts from GSUSA, BSA, and American Heritage Girls enjoying the 2021 Day of Recollection held February 27th at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Darien.



This Issue's Featured Religious Recognition:

Parvuli Dei (BSA)



In every issue, we feature a religious recognition scouts can earn! This month we present to you the *Parvuli Dei* emblem!

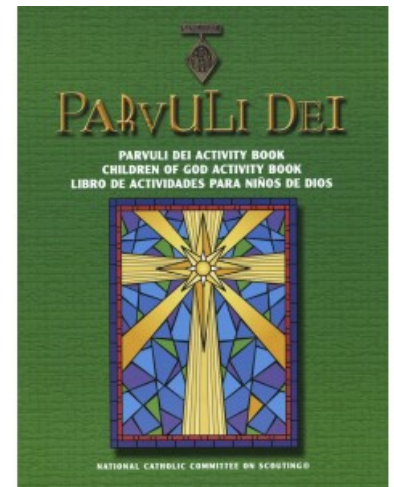
The purpose of the *Parvuli Dei* (Children

of God) emblem is to help young boys and girls in the Cub Scout Program of Boy Scouts of America explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and also to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the group or community.

All registered Cub Scouts ages 8 to 10

(Bear or Webelos/AOL) of the Catholic Faith are invited to participate. Each scout will need their own copy of the *Parvuli Dei Activity Book*, purchased online through the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's [online store](#), or through your local BSA service center.

Cub Scouts work directly with their parents to complete this emblem and the activities should be spread out over several weeks. Upon completion, the Cub will review their work with their parish priest and send their completed form to the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting. More information can be found [here](#).



Become a Religious Emblem Advisor!

Why don't Scouts earn the Religious Recognitions for their grade or age? Unfortunately, it's often due to the Scout not being able to find a counselor in their area! How do we fix this? It starts with YOU! Have you ever considered training to become a Religious Recognition Counselor? It's easier than ever with our online training system. Everything you need to get started is online!

Through our online training, you can learn how to be an Advisor for the *God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive*, or *Missio* for GSUSA and other programs or a Counselor for *Ad Altare De*, and *Pope Pius XII* emblems for BSA. Click here to start your training: [Become a Trained Counselor](#).

This Issue's Featured Adult Recognition:

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal

In every issue, we feature a religious recognition ADULTS can earn! This month we present to you the *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal*.

This recognition was established to allow dioceses to recognize adults whose dedicated work helps youth develop their spiritual lives. **It is to honor those who serve the youth through organizations serving girls.**

Qualified candidates should be the of excellent character and exemplary in every way and currently active and have served three years with the organization (ideally, registered members).

There are no national restrictions regarding recipients. Awards may be given to clergy, religious, non-Catholics, lay men or women. But recipients should be exemplary Catholics, with the support of their parish community and their respective pastors. Non-Catholic recipients should also be supported by their congregations and clergy. Please click [here](#) for more information and an application to nominate your deserving leader!



Do you have a Catholic unit?



Is your unit chartered by a Catholic institution? Would you like help planning a faith-filled and authentically Catholic year of programming for your unit? If so, please consider pursuing the National Catholic Unit Excellence Award. Click [here](#) to learn more and download the application.

This Issue's Featured Activity Patch:

Human Dignity Faith Series



In every issue, we will feature a Catholic activity patch scouts can earn! This month we present the Human Dignity Faith Series.

When asked which is the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your

soul, and with all your mind." "And a second, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39) The Human Dignity Faith Series activity patch helps us to learn more about our neighbors, and in doing so, love them better.

This patch includes activities in each of the following categories: Respect for the Individual, Respect for People of all Races and Ethnicities, Respect for People with Developmental Challenges, Respect for People with Mental Health Challenges,

Respect for the Unborn, and Respect for the Elderly.

Any youth or adult in any scouting program may earn this emblem by completing the requirements specific to their age. Upon completion, the patch may be ordered. Click [here](#) for more information.

This activity patch is one of seven in the Faith Series of activities. The other six can be found [here](#). All of these activity patches are a wonderful way to enrich your scouts' Catholic faith.

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 for our next committee meeting. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is April 20th at 7:00 PM. Currently, we are meeting virtually. Email jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com to be sent a link. Help us better serve our Catholic youth!



BSA *Scouting in the Catholic Church* Conference at Philmont



Boy Scouts of America adult leaders are invited to attend the 2021 *Scouting in the Catholic Church* training conference sponsored by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). The course will be held at the Philmont Training Center near Cimarron, NM, from July 18-24, 2021.

Designed for any adult interested in using Scouting to help support Catholic youth ministry, the conference is especially appropriate for Scout chaplains, clergy, diocesan and parish youth ministers, and council, diocesan, regional and national Catholic committee leadership and members. The goals of the conference are to help participants understand how Scouting is Catholic youth ministry, gain knowledge about Catholic Scouting resources and use the information in the course to promote Catholic Scouting in their home dioceses and councils. All this happens in a context of learning, fellowship and fun!

Family members are welcome to accompany course participants. The Philmont Training Center has programs for participants of all ages for a reasonable additional charge. The facilities are clean and include bunks with mattresses and electricity. All participants will have time to explore Philmont and the surrounding area in the evenings and Wednesday afternoon.

Please spread the word about Scouting in the Catholic Church and encourage others to seize this opportunity for an inspirational fun filled week in "God's Country."

Click the link [here](#) for more information.

