

Catholic Religious emblems and medals For Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

The religious emblems program for Catholic scouts consists of medals, awards, and activities for individual scouts, troops, and adults. These programs reinforce family-centered and parish-supported religious education and promote spiritual growth and a deeper appreciation of our Catholic faith. Each youth is challenged to integrate the scouting values of duty to God, reverence and faithfulness into their everyday lives. Any Catholic scout is eligible, regardless of what organization charters or sponsors the Cub Pack or Boy/Girl Scout troop.

Adult guidance and support is necessary to help scouts fulfill the requirements of the awards and medals. Parents assist their child for the *Family of God*, *Light of Christ* and *Parvuli Dei* emblems. Emblems for older scouts, such as *Ad Altare Dei* and the *Marian Medal*, require special training for the adult working with the young people. Training is available through the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. The committee can also assist scouts to connect with a trained emblems counselor. Adults involved in scouting are also eligible for religious emblems. Adult awards are based on the individual's contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Scouting program.

Award programs available for Catholic Girl Scouts, their registered leaders, and troops are:

- The Family of God program for ages 7 through 9
- The I Live My Faith program for ages 9 through 11
- The Marian Medal program for ages 12 through 15
- The Spirit Alive program for Senior Scouts
- The International Catholic Neighbor program for all ages
- The Annual Bishop's Award, a diocesan award for outstanding troops
- The Saint Elizabeth Seton Medal, a diocesan adult award
- The Saint Anne Medal, a national adult recognition
- Letters of congratulations and certificates for Gold Award

More information on requirements can be found at <http://www.nccgscf.org>

Award programs available for Catholic Cub and Boy Scouts, their registered leaders, and troops are:

- The Light of Christ program for grades 1 & 2
- The Parvuli Dei program for grades 3 through 5
- The Ad Altare Dei program for grades 7 through 12
- The PIUS XII program for grades 9 to college
- The International Awareness Activity program for all ages
- The POPE PAUL VI special unit recognition
- Golden Bow Unit Recruitment Award
- Gold Medallion National Unit Recognition Award
- The Bronze Pelican Medal, a diocesan adult award
- The St. George Medal, a national recognition for adults
- Letters of congratulations and certificates of achievement for Eagle Scouts

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