

Catholic Religious Emblems Counselor Training



Catholic Committee on Scouting
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Diocese of Raleigh



Opening Prayer

**Thank
YOU**

Mahalo
Kiitos

Tack
Grazie
Obbrigado

Thanks

Takk

Gracias

Merci

- ... for coming today.
- ... for wanting to make a difference in a scout's spiritual life.
- ... for volunteering.
- ... for taking the time out of your busy schedule to become a counselor.
- ... for supporting the efforts of the Raleigh Diocese CCoS.



What is CCoS?

- ✓ Scouting is an effective way to help Catholic youths to do their duty to God and to their country.
- ✓ Scouting builds character and teaches devotion to God in an environment that provides wholesome fun under the guidance of strong adult role models.
- ✓ The scouting programs provide a wonderful channel to involve youth in the life of Catholic parishes.
- ✓ Young people experience Scouting as a growth into personal maturity and social responsibility.

The **Catholic Committee on Scouting** supports the programs of Scouting as Youth Ministry thru Religious Emblems Programs, Training, Camporees, and Retreats that will enable our youth to grow in their faith, understand God's call, and joyfully respond to God and their community.

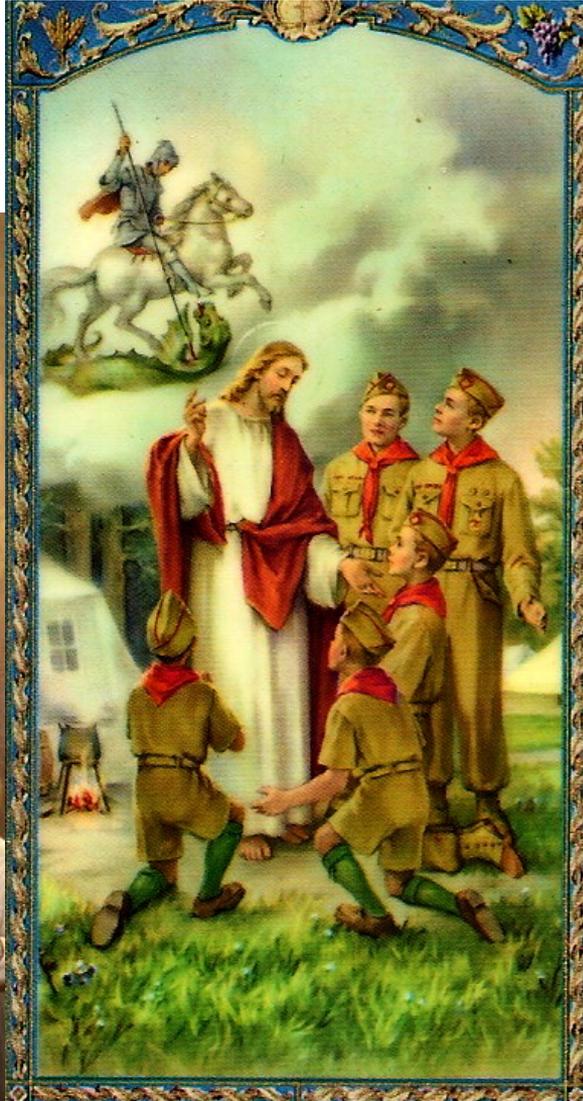


Today's Agenda

- What are the Catholic Religious Emblems programs all about?
- Youth Protection
- Emblems Overview
 - Paperwork
 - Advertising & Commitments
 - Lesson Planning
 - Kick-Off Meetings
- Chapter Facilitation
- The 7 Sacraments
- Faith-based projects
- Retreat Experiences
- Marriage/Holy Orders experiences
- Sticking to the Manual
- Periodic Book Checking
- Boards of Review



A Scout is Reverent



DUTY TO GOD

African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.)



Armenian



Baha'i



Buddhist



Baptist



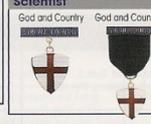
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Churches of Christ



Church of Christ, Scientist



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Community of Christ



Eastern Orthodox



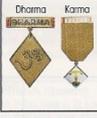
Episcopal



General Church of the New Jerusalem



Hindu



Islamic



Jewish



Lutheran



Meher Baba



Moravian



Polish National Catholic Church



Presbyterian Church in America



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Protestant/United Church of Christ/Community Churches



Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)



Roman Catholic/Eastern Catholic



Salvation Army



United Methodist



United Pentecostal Church International



Unity Churches



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PIUS XII



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15-17 yrs

LIGHT IS LIFE



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AD FANTARE DEI



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13-15 yrs

LIGHT OF CHRIST



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Cub Scout & Weblo Emblems



- **Light of Christ & Parvuli Dei** emblems
- **Purpose:** To help the child develop a personal relationship with Jesus; to come to see Jesus as a real person and friend.
- Cub works with parent & pastor



Scouts & Venture Crew Emblems



Ad Altare Dei & Pope Pius XII emblems

- Scouts work with certified religious emblems counselors / facilitators, in cooperation with parents, priests, pastor, & religious.
- **AAD focus:** 7 Sacraments (completed 6th grade & up)
- **PP12 focus:** Vocations & Issues (10th grade & up)



Counselor Application & Safe Environment Certification

■ 5 REQUIREMENTS...

- 1) Raleigh Diocese CCoS Emblems Counselor Application
- 2) Complete CCoS Religious Emblem Training
- 3) Raleigh Diocese SET Certificate, Background & Reference Check
- 4) Registered Scouting America Adult volunteer
- 5) Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Protection Certificate



Youth Protection

- Highest Priority
- Trained & Knowledgeable Leaders
- Scouting America SYT - annual renewal
- Diocesan S.E.T. training - annual renewal
- Visibility & Program Openness
- 2 deep leadership - **ALWAYS!!!**



Ad Altare Dei Program

PURPOSE:

To help Middle School age Catholic Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in a faith community.

FOCUS:

The 7 Sacraments as the primary means toward spiritual growth

Requirement: completed 6th grade



The 7 Sacraments

...a visible sign

Matrimony

Reconciliation

Baptism

Confirmation

Eucharist

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Soly Orders

...imparting Grace



Pope Pius XII Program

PURPOSE:

To help High School age Catholic Scouts of the Roman Rite to understand God's call to use the gifts and talents He gave, in service of God and humanity – their "vocation".

FOCUS:

Peer discussions and activities surrounding vocations & issues surrounding the Catholic Church, that will assist each one in discovering what God is calling them to become.



VOCATIONS

Married

Religious Women

Engaged

*Responding to
God's Call...*

Monks

Priest

Brother

Bishop

Deacon

PROMISED INDIVIDUALS

Single



ISSUES

Changing with the Times

Shortage of
Priests

Birth Control

Abortion

PROMISCUITY

Marriage & Divorce

Women
Priests

Aging
Religious
Populations

Scandalous
Behavior

SUICIDE



Applications

- The job isn't over until the paperwork is done...

- Counselor's application to begin a program

- To be sent to **Fr. Scott McCue**



Pastor & Diocesan Scout Chaplain

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

804 High House Road

Cary, NC 27513

Email: smccue@stmccary.org

- Candidates application to begin working on the emblem



Arch/Diocesan Notification of Intent to Begin an Pope Pius XII Program

(Make copies of this form and send to the Arch/Diocesan Chaplain three weeks prior to the beginning of each course conducted. If you do not know your Arch/Diocesan/Eparchy Chaplain, contact your Chancery Office for this information.)

Date of Notification: _____

Facilitator Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Parish: _____ City: _____

Date of my current Religious Emblem's Facilitator Training certificate: _____

Date of my current Boy Scout Youth Protection Training certificate: _____

Date of my certificate of completion of (arch) diocesan/eparchy youth protection training and background check in compliance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, 2002: _____

Date of my current Boy Scouts of America registration expiration and position: _____

Pastor's Approval:

I hereby certify that the above named person is a member of my parish, and have no objections to his/her functioning as a youth minister to youth in the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblems program.

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Information:

Date Program is to Start: _____ Number of Participants Anticipated: _____

Location of Meetings: _____

SAMPLE



**Application To Begin Working On
Ad Altare Dei Emblem**

(Please Print)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Unit No. _____ Phone No. _____

Arch/Diocese _____

Parish _____

Applicant Request

I hereby make application to begin working on the Ad Altare Dei Emblem. On my honor as a Scout and as a Catholic I certify that I have fully met the requirements to begin this program.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Approval

My son has my permission to work on the Ad Altare Dei Emblem, and I will gladly support him and work with him.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Counselor's Approval

I am willing to work with the above individual.

Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Unit Leader's Approval

I hereby certify that the above Scout has met the requirements to start working on this Emblem.

Unit Leader's Signature _____ Date _____

Pastor's Approval

I hereby certify that the above named Scout is a member of my parish, and have no objections to his receiving the Ad Altare Dei Emblem if he successfully fulfills the requirements.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____



Getting the word out...

■ Advertising

- Word of Mouth
- Parish Bulletins
- District & Council Round Tables
- Websites



■ Getting Leadership, Youth, & Parent Commitment



Kick-Off Meetings



- Candidate Attendance & Participation
- Program Overview
- Timeframes
- Tools used by candidates
 - Bibles, Workbook, Pen, Binder
- Homework – completed **BEFORE** sessions
- Commitment & Expectations
- Working with peers, parents, clergy...



Ad Altare Dei



- **Purpose:** 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 in chapters based on the 7 Sacraments.
- **Duration:** Approximately 6 months
- **Books:** Ad Altare Dei Manual and Catholic Bible
 - Bring them with you **EVERY** time we get together!
 - Bring your activity work **EVERY** time we get together!
 - STAY ON TASK** – Assignments must be done on-time!
 - Save **ALL** of your work in a binder
 - If you have questions....ASK!
 - We will **ALWAYS** meet on a designated Saturday from 9-10:30am, unless we tell you differently
- **Group Project:** Think of a group service project that will benefit the parish or the community that exemplifies some facet of the sacraments
 - Requirements:**
 1. Must be done by the AAD scouts as a group
 2. Must require a minimum of 1 day's service
 3. Must benefit the church or the community
 4. Must exemplify the sacraments
- **1st Assignment:**
 - Obtain parental & pastor's approval to start, front of Workbook – **DO NOT REMOVE IT FROM THE WORKBOOK!!!**
 - Complete **all** work related to *Chapter 1 – Sacraments* by 10/13.
- **Agenda:**
 - o September 25: Kickoff & Introduction
 - o October 13: Sacraments *F: ACTIVITY / S: LIFE / B: FAITH*
 - o November 10: Baptism
 - o December 15: Confirmation
 - o January 11-13: **WEEKEND RETREAT** – Fort Fisher, Kure Beach NC (\$25-35)
 - F = Eucharist
 - B = Reconciliation
 - o February 16: Anointing of the Sick
 - o March 8: Marriage & Holy Orders
 - o March 18: TUESDAY – Board of Review preparation
- **Expectations:**
 - Your school work always takes priority
 - You will be expected to stay on top of your AAD work
 - You can miss 1 session. If you miss more, you will be required to meet with the counselors to determine your intentions
 - If you miss a session, you are still responsible for completing the chapter requirements. Please notify a counselor **AHEAD OF TIME**, if you are going to miss a Session.
- **Counselors:** Ms. Lang (as81delaware@earthlink.net) tel 460-0188
Mr. Fitzpatrick (jfritz77@earthlink.net) tel 233-5766
Mr. Jackson (frank.jackson@verizonbusiness.com) tel 303-2399

pages
openings
closings

SAMPLE



Lesson Planning

- Counselor's and Review Board Guide
(the "*Secret De-coder Ring*")



- Sharing the work among counselors
- Know what you're going to present ahead of time – Lesson Plans...a good idea!



Ad Altare Dei

Lesson Plan – Chapter 2, Baptism

1. Opening Prayer
2. Question about previous chapter
3. Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist
 - a. What is initiation?
4. Life Experience - discussion
 - a. Crossover into Troop, Initiations into the OA, club induction
 - b. Good experiences & expectations
 - c. Individuals talk about the discussions they had w/ parents re Baptism
 - d. READ Genesis 9:8-17, 12:1-5, 17:3-10, Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - i. Discuss Covenants
 - ii. Abram's response to God (Gen 12:1-5)
5. SNACK & BREAK
6. Discuss what Exodus, Chapter 20
 - a. 10 Commandments vs. Scout Law
 - i. Commonalities
 - ii. Relation
 - b. READ Matthew 28:18-20 & John 3:3-5
 - i. Discuss what Jesus is saying about Baptism. Meaning?
 - c. Attend baptism during 2nd Sunday Mass
 - i. Review the actions and words of the Rite of Baptism
 - d. Item #3...what does it say/spell?
 - e. Discuss the purpose of religious instruction/JYM/TYM.
 - f. Discuss how the white garment given at Baptism is similar to the Scout Uniform (outward sign of unity & dignity)
 - i. What about "inside"?
7. Review what each individual did for Item #5
8. Q&A
9. Expectations for Chapter 3 – Confirmation
10. Closing Prayer

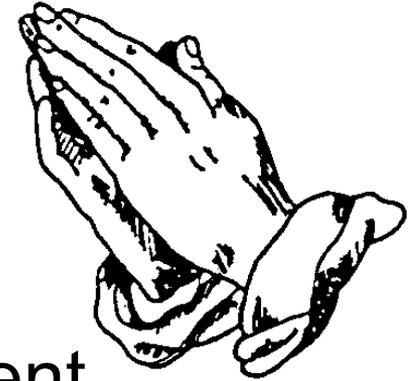


Chapter Facilitation

- Ask questions to verify understanding
- Don't add/subtract from the requirements
- Facilitate discussion between candidates
- Counselors need to know the material before each session – *kids will test you!*
- Periodic book checking
 - What to look for...
 - Documenting reviews...
- **Ultimate Goal:** Grow in their Faith



Tidbits...



- Faith-based team project requirement
- Retreat Experience requirement
- Marriage Chapter - experience
 - Parental Q&A session
 - Tread lightly if a candidate has personally experienced a divorce.
- Holy Orders Chapter – involve priests, nuns, brothers...
- Rosary & Saint Patches



Board of Review

- Program Completion
- Purpose of the BoR
- Scheduling a Board of Review
- Candidate's Application & Evaluation Forms
 - Signatures – **important!**
- Emblem Requests & Invoicing/Costs
- Emblem Presentation



Catholic Adult Recognition

- Jan Malkowicz Distinguished Award of Merit

- Bronze Pelican Medal



- St. George Medal





**Celebrant: Most Rev. Luis Rafael Zarama
Bishop of Raleigh**

**Where: St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
3008 Old Raleigh Road, Apex, NC 27502**

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: 10:30 am

RSVP by unit:

Lunch will be provided after Mass.



Catholic Camporee

2027 Catholic Camporee will take place on March 12-14

We are looking for a host church(es) or unit(s) to assist in planning the 2027 event.



<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/scouting/catholic-camporee>



Additional Information

- **Raleigh Diocese CCoS**

<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/youth/scouting/>

- **National CCoS**

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/>



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