



DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Mission Statement

To give guidance, direction, leadership and vitality in the spiritual phase of scouting to all Catholic scouts in the diocese.

Purpose

The purpose of the Harrisburg Diocesan Catholic Committee is to promote and encourage Catholic Girl Scouts to deepen their understanding of their faith through prepared programs with the aid of trained adults. We also honor the work of adults with a medal recognition program.

Diocesan Catholic Committee

The committee meets the last Sunday in January, April, and August at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for more details.

Girl Scout Council within the Diocese

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania



www.gshpa.org



FUTURE EVENTS

- A convocation Mass to present awards to older girls and adults
- A weekend retreat to gather older girls in a spiritual setting to foster their faith growth

Training Programs

- Required training for adults is in the early fall. This allows ample time for girls to complete the program in order that recognitions may be presented on Girl Scout Sunday.
- Additional trainings may also be offered. Contact the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry



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GIRL SCOUTING IN THE HARRISBURG DIOCESE



CATHOLIC PROGRAMS FOR GIRLS AND ADULTS



RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS FOR GIRLS

The diocese offers four National awards and six Diocesan awards for girls in Daisy through Senior level.

Angel on My Shoulder (grades K-2)
Shows girls how God has given each of us a special protector, who helps us to do the right thing.

Child of Mary (grades 1-2)
Helps girls to realize that Mary was a little girl like themselves and shows them how Mary grew to be the Mother of God.

***Family of God** (grades 2-3)
This National program was developed to help girls grow as members of their family and the parish. They explore a wide range of activities to discover the presence of God in their daily lives.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (grades 3-5)
Gives girls an opportunity to strengthen their commitment to a Christian lifestyle by following Kateri as a role model.

Child of Mary II (grades 3-6)
Helps older youth realize that Mary was once a young person like themselves and that she has a special place in her heart for youth.

Holy Family (grades 4-6)
Promotes advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation and helps girls become aware of God's presence in their lives, home, and community.

***I Live My Faith** (grades 4-6)
A National program planned to help youth appreciate more deeply the place God and religion have in their lives.

A Woman of Courage (grades 6-8)
A program based on the life of St. Katherine Drexel that takes girls through every aspect of her life. Hopefully they will see her as a true Christian role model who worked all her life for the oppressed cultures of society.

***Mary the First Disciple** (grades 7-10)
A National program promotes the understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality as a woman of the Church.

***The Spirit Alive** (grades 9-12)
National program designed to assist girls in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves within their lives, calling them to a greater participation in the ministry of the Church.

* National Awards

All awards are to be completed with the assistance of a trained advisor.

Program booklets and medals are available through the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.



ADULT RECOGNITIONS

The diocese presents awards to honor adult women and men who have shown a significant level of effort toward the promotion of Catholic Girl Scouting.

There are four awards available:

The Diocesan Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

- Applicant must have at least 3 years of active adult service
- Applicant may not apply for the award, but must be recommended by another
- Applicant has shown a significant level of effort towards promoting the values and goals of Catholic Girl Scouting

The National Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

- Applicant must have at least 5 years of active adult service
- The award may be applied for by oneself or by a person other than the applicant
- The award is intended to recognize notable contributions to this field of youth ministry

The National Saint Anne Award

- Applicant must have at least 10 years of active adult service
- Applicant may not apply for the award, but must be recommended by another
- Applicant has shown a significant level of effort towards promoting the values and goals of Catholic Girl Scouting

Region III Award

- Applicant must have at least 15 years of active adult service
- Applicant has shown significant level of effort towards promoting values and goals of Catholic Girl Scouting
- May be applied for by self or by a person other than applicant

The applicant recommended for any of the above adult awards should not only be of excellent character but should also be one who has entered the program for the purpose of helping young women grow and mature through Girl Scouting.

She/he should willingly help to develop each girl as an individual with attention to the Catholic principles along with the four goals of GSUSA.

Further guidelines for candidate selection would include:

- Promotion of Religious Emblem programs for scouts
- Promotion of activities and service projects for church and community
- Notable participation in all spiritual activities of the group
- A person of excellent moral character and a good example to youth
- Leadership in promoting Scouting for girls regardless of race or creed
- Outstanding discharge of responsibilities to girls in the Scouting program
- Contribution of service to other organizations within the parish and community

Applications are available through the

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and must be submitted no later than January 15 of each year.

Any questions or concerns, please contact the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.