

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

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

Purpose

The purpose of the Harrisburg Diocesan Catholic Committee is to promote the various religious emblem programs throughout the diocese to Catholic sponsored units and other units whenever and wherever feasible.

Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS)

The committee meets the third Saturday of January, March, May, July, September* and November at 10:00 a.m. at the Diocesan Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

* The September meeting is held at Camp Bashore.

Boy Scout Councils within the Diocese

- Columbia Montour
- Juniata
- New Birth of Freedom
- Mason Dixon
- Pennsylvania Dutch
- Susquehanna

YEARLY EVENTS

BOY SCOUT RETREAT

- Held the 3rd weekend in September of every year at Camp Bashore. Religious emblems are presented at the retreat.

REGION III MEETING

- Held the second weekend in September at the Hotel Mechanicsburg, PA. All are welcome. Registration required.

SCOUTER DEVELOPMENT & EMBLEM TRAININGS

- Held annually in May at the Diocesan Center.



OFFICE FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

For additional information, please contact the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

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BOY SCOUTING IN THE HARRISBURG DIOCESE



CATHOLIC PROGRAMS FOR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS & RECOGNITIONS, ACTIVITIES, AND UNIT AWARDS

CUB SCOUTS EMBLEMS

* manuals available in Spanish

Light of Christ (grades 1-2; Tiger and Wolf): Roman/Eastern Catholic

The purpose of this program is to help the Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

- Application must be submitted 1 month prior to presentation. May be presented on Scout Sunday or at Blue and Gold Banquet.

Parvuli Dei (grades 3-5; Bear and Webelos): Roman/Eastern Catholic

The purpose is to help the young boy explore a wide range of activities to discover the presence of God in his life, and to develop positive self-image through the contributions he can make to his group or community.

- Application must be submitted 1 month prior to presentation. May be presented on Scout Sunday or at Blue and Gold Banquet.

Notice: After the work is completed, the activity book is to be reviewed by his parish priest who meets with the Scout to discuss his work.

BOY SCOUTS EMBLEMS

Ad Altare Dei (grades 7-8): Roman Catholic

* Manuals available in Spanish and Braille

The purpose of this program is to help the Scout develop a fully Christian way of life. The program is organized in steps, based on the seven sacraments. As he grows in faith through the study of this program, he also should be advancing in Scouting.

- Application must be submitted by August 15 of each year.
- Emblem presented at the annual Diocesan Scout retreat in September.
- Purple square knot presented at Troop Court of Honor.
- Verbal recognition at Scout Sunday in the parish.

Light is Life (grades 7-8): Eastern Catholic

The overall goal of this program is to bring about in the Scout, through his Eastern Christian Scouting experience, a deeper awareness of his faith-life. As the Scout grows in faith through the study of this program, it is expected that at the same time he will advance in Scouting.

- Application must be submitted by August 15 of each year.
- Emblem presented at the annual Diocesan Scout retreat in September.
- Purple square knot presented at Troop Court of Honor.
- Verbal recognition at Scout Sunday in the parish.

BOY SCOUTS & VENTURE SCOUTS EMBLEMS

Pope Pius XII (9th grade and up): Roman/Eastern Catholic

The purpose of the emblem is to have the candidate examine

how being a Christian affects daily life in the real world, to challenge the candidate to evaluate his/her own personal talents and abilities, and to give the candidate an opportunity to share faith and practice his/her religion among peers while receiving guidance attuned to the ideals of Scouting.

- Application must be submitted by August 15 of each year.
- Emblem presented at the annual Diocesan Scout retreat in September.
- Purple square knot presented at Troop Court of Honor.
- Verbal recognition at Scout Sunday in the parish.

Notice: For the Boy Scout and Venture Emblems, the Scout must have their pastor's approval **before starting**. An individual manual and trained facilitator are **required** and a group setting is preferred. After the work is completed, the candidate **must** be interviewed by a diocesan/eparchy board of review.

- A Scout can earn only the emblem of his/her own faith, receiving an emblem of another faith is not permitted.

When all work is completed, the completed Cub, Boy Scout, or Venture application and emblem fee is remitted to the Diocese of Harrisburg, Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry. Cub emblems should be presented **immediately** at a parish function.

Scout and Venture emblems are presented at the annual Scout Retreat by the Diocesan Scout Chaplain. It is suggested that the Scout religious emblem square knot be presented at Scout Sunday and the emblem card presented at a unit Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor.

ADULT RECOGNITIONS

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

Bronze Pelican

- Applicant must have 5 years of active service by June of the year nominated.
- This emblem recognizes the adults in Boy Scouts that have observed the last point of the scout law.
- The candidates are submitted by those who (s)he works with in the troop or the church.
- Outstanding service in promoting and participating in the observance of Scout Sunday.
- Notable service in promoting Catholic activities and willingness to serve on committees for these activities.
- Emblem presented in the candidate's local parish on Scout Sunday. (Knot is not available)
- Application must be submitted by July 1 of each year.

Saint George

- Applicant must have 8-10 years of active service by June of the year nominated.
- The National Catholic Committee on Scouting, acting through the local diocese or eparchy may award the Saint George emblem to the laity and clergy, Scouter and non-Scouter, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth through

Scouting.

- The recipients are to be sought after by others. Self or family referrals will not be considered.
- Service to or positions held in the following areas are considered:
 1. Spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting
 2. Boy Scouts of America
 3. Parish and diocese or eparchy
 4. Other community organizations (Civic, Fraternal, etc.)
- Emblem presented at semi-annual DCCS recognition dinner in June. (Knot is also available)
- Application must be submitted by July 1 of each year.

YOUTH & ADULTS RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

International Awareness In recognition of demonstrated awareness of Scouting in the Catholic Church throughout the world for Boy-Girl Scouter, non-Scouter, Catholic, non-Catholics.

- There is not an application deadline.
- Presented at their local parish on Scout Sunday.

Duty to God (Promotion and Recognition Patch)

There are countless ways to use this patch to promote "Scouting as Youth Ministry." Diocesan and Unit Committees are not restricted by any national rules and may present them for many reasons.

The following are suggestions as to who might be ideal recipients and wearers of this patch:

- Each youth starting on, working on, or completing a religious emblem.
- Each youth and adult member of a Pope Paul VI unit.
- Each youth and adult member completing a service project or attending a retreat event.
- Each youth participant in the Saint George Trek.
- Each adult member completing a new phase of training.
- Units present their own clergy, youth ministers, formation directors and others involved in youth ministry.
- All religious emblems counselors and members of the Diocesan Committee.
- There is not an application deadline.
- Presented at the discretion of the Scout Leader

The Rosary Series

The Footsteps of American Saints

The Marian Activity Series

These activity patches provide an opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about their faith. They can be earned individually or as a group. It is not necessary to send the completed form. Adults can verify the correct answers.

UNIT AWARDS

Pope Paul VI—Is a National Catholic Unit Recognition

Pope John XXIII—Is a Diocesan Non-Catholic Unit Recognition

Applications, Books, Emblems & Recognitions are available through the:

Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry
4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Submissions/payments should also be sent to the above office