



Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting
A committee of the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis



BOY SCOUT - VENTURE – SEA SCOUT - CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EMBLEM PROCESS

Guide for Youth, Parents, Grandparents, or Guardians in the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis

Thank you for aspiring to earn your Catholic religious emblem and learn more about your faith and faith traditions – within the emblem programs there are two emblems for each rite. The Roman Rite you will have Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII for the Eastern Rite you will have Light is Life and Pope Pius XII. The Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis has made every effort to make the process as simple as possible for Scouts and for Parents. The following document will walk you through the steps necessary to complete and receive any of the Scout emblems.



Ad Altare Dei
[Roman Rite]



Light is Life
[Eastern Rite]



Pope Pius XII

EMBLEM STUDY:

Scouts interested in Light is Life from the Eastern Rite should contact their pastor or religious leader. Those interested in the Roman Rite emblems may pick up a workbook for Catholic Religious Emblems from any of the Scout Shop. Before starting he/she must obtain a trained Counselor or Facilitator from the Archdiocese. The best place to start is emailing the Catholic Committee at accs@nsbsa.org letting them know which emblem you are interested in, your age, your Unit type and number and the best way to contact by leaving an email address or phone number, or both.

After you have found a trained Counselor/Facilitator you **MUST OBTAIN** signatures of all people listed in the front of your youth manual. (Your signature, your parents, your unit leader and your pastor – Counselors signature can be obtained at first session) and then complete the requirements in the workbook as instructed by your trained Counselor/Facilitator these Scout Catholic religious emblem requirements are designed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) to be age appropriate and they have been approved by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB).\

Scouts 12-15 years old who are from the Roman Rite are encourage to work on the **Ad Altare Dei** (they must have completed 6th grade to start.) Scouts 15 – 18 [21 if Venture or Sea Scout] years old are encouraged to work on their **Pope Pius XII** (they must be in 9th grade to start.)

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With each program the Scout completes his/her workbook with a trained Counselor/Facilitator. Upon completion of workbook the Scout will attend his/her Board of Review to complete entire process. *NOTE: More information about Boy Scout Catholic religious emblems may be found at www.nccs-bsa.org.*

APPLICATION:

The application in the front of each youth manual **MUST NOT BE REMOVED** from manual. This application will be removed by the Catholic Committee at the Scout's Board of Review. All Signatures **are** required for this application to be processed. The application **does requires a pastor's signature** (*Many parish pastors delegate the signing of the workbook to an associate priest, deacon, faith formation catechists, or the parish director of religious formation/education*).

NOTE: The Archdiocesan Chaplain will sign the application when it is being processed – so parents don't need to obtain his signature before submitting the application at the Board of Review.

PROCESSING / EMBLEM PURCHASE:

As stated earlier, once the program sessions are complete the Scout will attend a Board of Review. This Board is scheduled through your trained Counselor/Facilitator, who receives dates and times for Boards from the Catholic Committee. The Board of Review is non-threatening and is meant to see if the Scout has grown a little in his/her faith and that the program was initiated properly. The Catholic Committee will make sure that the emblem completion is recorded in the youth's ScoutNet [BSA's database] permanent record. The Scout will pay for emblem at the Board of Review, his/her Counselor/Facilitator will let them know the cost prior to Board.

Upon completion of Board the Catholic Committee will remove the application, evaluation and accept payment as the final steps of the program. ****Special Note: Youth religious emblem knots are purchased at the Scout Shop.***

PRESENTATION: The presentation of the emblem within the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is done at an Emblem Mass held on a Saturday during the month of May at the Cathedral of Saint Paul or St Mary's Basilica in Minneapolis whichever is available to us. This is also Confirmation season so generally the Cathedral hasn't been available. The emblems are presented to the youth by one of our Archbishop or one of our Auxiliary Bishop's. The Mass and ceremony last approximately 2 hours and generally start about 10: a.m. with no arrival's earlier than 9:00 a.m. The Mass includes all Boy Scouts, Ventures, Sea Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls with the Archdiocese.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about Cub Scout or Boy Scout Catholic Religious Emblems, you are welcome to send an email to accs@nsbsa.org or consult the ACCS website at <http://accs.nsbsa.org>