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

CUB SCOUT CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EMBLEM PROCESS

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

Thank you for helping your Cub Scout learn more about his faith and faith traditions by working with him on his Catholic religious emblems - Light of Christ or Parvuli Dei. The Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis have made every effort to make the process as simple as possible for Cub Scout Packs and for Parents. The following are the steps necessary to complete and receive either of the Cub Scout emblems.

Light of Christ   Parvuli Dei

EMBLEM STUDY:

Scouts may pick up a workbook for Catholic Religious Emblems
from any of the Scout Shop and complete the requirements in the workbook.
Cub 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).\

Cub Scouts 6-7 years old are encourage to work on the **Light of Christ** (it must be completed as a Tiger Cub or Wolf Cub) or Cub Scouts 8 – 10 years old are encouraged to work on their **Parvuli Dei** (it must be completed as a Bear Cub or as a Webelos I or II.)

With each program the Scout completes his workbook with a parent, grandparent, or guardian. Both Cub Scout emblems are intended to be taught in the home. Although some parishes and Packs offer opportunities for families to work collectively with their children (and this is perfectly okay as long as **parent and scout are attending sessions and working on manual together**), although the responsibility for the formation of children in the faith is the obligation of the parent or guardian.

NOTE: More information about Boy Scout Catholic religious emblems may be found at www.nccs-bsa.org.

APPLICATION:

Once the workbook is completed, the Scout's parent or guardian fills out the application found in the back of the book. The application requires a parent or guardian signature. The application also 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 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.

PROCESSING:

Once the application is filled out, it should be turned in at either of the Scout Service Centers (Saint Paul or Golden Valley). The address and directions to the Northern Star Council Scout Service Centers can be found at www.nsbsa.org. The application should be dropped off at the Customer Service desk. The Catholic Committee will make sure that the emblem completion is recorded in the youth's ScoutNet (permanent) record.

EMBLEM PURCHASE:

The parent or pack representative can purchase the emblem at the same time the application is dropped off at the Scout Service Center. Catholic religious emblems are purchased at the Customer Service desk of the Scout Service center *(not the Scout Shop's)*. **Special Note: Youth religious emblem knots are purchased at the Scout Shop.

PRESENTATION: The presentation of the emblem varies from pack-to-pack and parish-to-parish. A common process is to present the youth emblem at the next available pack meeting. Many parishes offer a blessing for scouts and their emblems as part of a parish Mass on Scout Sunday or some type of special celebration. Scouts are encouraged to discuss having their emblems blessed with their parish pastor or parish liturgist.

PARISH LITURGIST NOTE: Guidelines and suggested blessing texts for Scout Sunday emblem blessings are available from the Archdiocese Chancery in St Paul or from the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (ACCS).

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