



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



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## Archdiocesan Council on Catholic Women

### GIRL SCOUTS - AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS – CAMPIRE BOYS AND GIRLS 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 levels of emblems. One for girls in Kindergarten through fifth grade and one for girls in sixth through twelfth grade. The emblems are distributed through the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. They have a member who sits on the Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis

#### Emblems for Girls, Kindergarten through Fifth grade



God is Love  
[K-1<sup>st</sup> grade]



I Live My Faith  
[2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades]



Family of God  
[4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades]

#### Emblems for Girls, Sixth through twelfth grades



Mary the First Disciple  
[Marian Award]  
[6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grades]



The Spirit Alive  
[9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades]

## **EMBLEM STUDY:**

Scouts interested in any of these emblems should contact the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women at [accw@archspm.org](mailto:accw@archspm.org) or call 651-291-4545.

These Scout Catholic religious emblem requirements are designed by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers [NFCYM] and marketed by National Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting USA and Campfire USA (NCCGSCS) to be age appropriate and they have been approved by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB).\

- Scouts in K- 1<sup>st</sup> grade who are 5/6-6/7 years old are encouraged to work on the **God Is Love.**
- Scouts in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who are 7/8-8/9 years old are encouraged to work on the **I Live My Faith.**
- Scouts in 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade who are 8/9 – 9/10 years old are encouraged to work on the **Family of God.**
- Scouts in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade who are 10/11 – 13/14 years old are encouraged to work on the **Mary, The First Disciple [Marian Award].**
- Scouts in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who are 14/15 -17/18 years old are encouraged to work on **The Spirit Alive.**

*NOTE: More information about Girl Scout Catholic religious emblems may be found at [www.accwarchspm.org](http://www.accwarchspm.org).*

## **STARTING THE PROCESS:**

The process starts by calling the ACCW Office, they will take your information and help you purchase youth manuals. They will also give you details on how each program is taught. Don't be afraid to ask as many questions as you have to.

## **PROCESSING / EMBLEM PURCHASE:**

As stated earlier, once the program sessions are complete, you will again contact the ACCW Office, depending on the program you have just completed they will give you instructions on what to do next. For the younger grades K- 5 they will generally mail out your awards to your home for presentation at your local parish. For the girls grades 7 – 12 the Archdiocese holds a joint ceremony with Boy Scouts each spring, usually May. All emblem purchases are done through ACCW.

**PRESENTATION:** The presentation of the emblems for girls in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades in 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 Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Campfire Girls & Boys, Boy Scouts, Ventures, and Sea Scouts, within the Archdiocese.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions about Girl Scouting Catholic Religious Emblems, you are welcome to send an email to [accw@archspm.org](mailto:accw@archspm.org) or consult the ACCW website at <http://accwarchspm.org>