



Diocese of Baton Rouge  
Catholic Committee on Scouting  
c/o Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Attn: Religious Emblem Chairman  
445 Marquette Avenue  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

## **LIGHT IN THE LORD BISHOP STANLEY J. OTT SERVICE RECOGNITION**

### WHAT IS THE LIGHT IN THE LORD SERVICE RECOGNITION?

Following the death of Bishop Stanley Ott in 1993, the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Baton Rouge established the Light in the Lord Bishop Stanley J. Ott Service Recognition to honor Bishop Ott's commitment to Scouting and to perpetuate his good works. Its purpose is to recognize exceptional service projects that keep in mind... "Duty to God and to each other" as lived and preached by Bishop Ott especially through the works of mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, help those imprisoned, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, and bury the dead. Because Bishop Ott served all people regardless of their religious beliefs this service recognition is open to youths of all faiths. The Light in the Lord Bishop Stanley J. Ott Service Recognition is a beautiful blue and gold 9 x 12 parchment certificate suitable for framing. Each unit that submits an application that is approved will be asked to send a unit representative to the annual Catholic Committee on Scouting Award Ceremony, where the present Bishop of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will present the certificate.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Junior Catholic Daughters of Americas, or Campfire Boys and Girls, units/troops may submit applications. The youth do not have to be Catholic and no emblem counselor is required. A review committee will evaluate applications.

### WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA?

There are no specific criteria, but there are suggested guidelines. In general, the review committee judges each application based on:

1. The planning process – how did the youth identify the need in the community, and plan the project;
2. Age of the youth and the appropriateness of the project for the age group;
3. The commitment shown by the youth, their parents and leaders in completing the project;
4. The number of adults and youth involved in the project.

In general, the Light in the Lord Bishop Stanley J. Ott Service Recognition is presented to Units who carry out service projects that are "above and beyond" the typical service projects. It is preferred that the projects be original, and not associated with a larger project in the community such as, "Pat's Coats for Kids." If, however, your unit wishes to participate in an existing campaign, your efforts must be exceptional.

### MAY A UNIT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE PROJECT?

Yes, depending on the age of youth, it is sometimes easier to do several short-term projects. However, the same guidelines apply. The goal is quality, not just quantity of service. Find a community need that is not being adequately met, and do something about it!

### WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

The Catholic Committee on Scouting must receive all applications by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**.



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## **LIGHT IN THE LORD – BISHOP STANLEY J. OTT SERVICE RECOGNITION APPLICATION**

GROUP TYPE – Check type of unit and provide unit/troop number  
(e.g. X Tiger Cub/Pack 233 or X Brownie/ Troop 36)

Girl Scouts U.S.A/ Troop #	Boy Scouts of America/ Unit #	Campfire Boys and Girls/ Unit #
<u>    </u> Daisy <u>                    </u>	<u>    </u> Tiger Cub <u>                    </u>	<u>    </u> Club <u>                    </u>
<u>    </u> Brownie <u>                    </u>	<u>    </u> Cub Scouts <u>                    </u>	American Heritage Girls #
<u>    </u> Junior <u>                    </u>	<u>    </u> Boy Scouts <u>                    </u>	<u>  </u>
<u>    </u> Cadette <u>                    </u>	<u>    </u> Venturing <u>                    </u>	Jr. Catholic Daughters of Americas
<u>    </u> Senior <u>                    </u>	Chartered Partner <u>                    </u>	<u>  </u>

1) CHURCH AFFILIATION (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

2) AGE RANGE OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

3) TOTAL NUMBER OF UNIT MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN YOUR PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

4) TOTAL NUMBER OF OTHR YOUTH AND ADULTS THAT PARTICIPATED (e.g. siblings, parents, parishioners, and members of other organizations) \_\_\_\_\_

5) DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE SERVICE PROJECT (Attach additional papers if necessary):

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Approvals:

CCOS Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese CCOS Scout Chaplain: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bishop of Baton Rouge: + \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_