



CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

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CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AWARDS FOR BOYS

The Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCOS) goal is to encourage all Catholic Cub and Boy Scouts to earn their religious emblems. You, as the parent or guardian, will decide whether or not your child will participate in these programs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- You must be a registered scout or American Heritage Girl.
- The scout must be Catholic.
- The scout may only complete one award per year.
- Parents and emblems counselors are the teachers, not the unit leader
- A scout may earn any award. Earning of previously grade level award is not necessary.
- Parish designates will meet with the scout upon completion of the program.
- Books must be purchased and used for the award.

THE PROGRAMS

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| Light of Christ | Grades 1-2 | Parent led program, Counselor Supervised |
| Parvuli Dei | Grades 2-3 | Parent led program, Counselor Supervised |
| Our Lady's Award | Grades 4-6 | Counselor led program |
| Ad Altare Dei | Grades 7-10 | Counselor led program |
| Pope Pius XII | Grade 9 - college | Counselor led program |

GETTING STARTED

1. Please email me if you are interested in doing an award so a book can be purchased. As a counselor, I will assist scouts in obtaining the specific booklet for their age group or the parent can purchase the book from Our Lady of Mercy Church, contact Deacon Grant (225-926-1883). This booklet will contain information on all the lessons and service projects that they will need to complete. Each scout needs to have his own booklet to document progress. Our Lady's Award books can be purchased or downloaded for free at our website. Book cost varies from \$5.00 to \$8.00.
2. Religious emblems counselors are trained by the Catholic Committee on Scouting. You may become a counselor for your scouts by attending one training session, offered in both the fall and spring. Our next session is _____ (date) at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Contact Kathy Gora at kgora@cox.net or 225-266-9001.
3. The scout needs to complete the requirements, working with the emblems counselor. All needed instructions and deadlines will be given by the counselor to the scout. These emblems are not available in your local Council. The emblem will be presented next August by the Bishop at a ceremony at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Please talk with your child about these programs. I would like to know by _____ (date) who is going to participate in the religious emblems programs. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact me so that planning can begin!

(Counselor's name)

(Counselor's phone number)

(Counselor's email)

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Catholic Committee on Scouting is to promote the personal, social, and spiritual needs of Catholic youth participating in scouting programs (both in and outside of Catholic-sponsored units) and to act in an advisory capacity to the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, or through his designees.