

## Diocesan CCOS Requirements for Religious Emblem Counselors

All Catholic adults interested in becoming a Religious Emblem Counselor must comply with the following rules to participate as a Religious Emblem Counselor for the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

### **Registration as a Scout Leader is required**

A special note to our current and upcoming counselors, you must be registered with your scout unit and comply with all Diocesan requirements for working with Catholic youth in order to serve as a Religious Emblems Counselor. If you supervise both Boy Scout and Girl Scout awards, you must be registered with both units. Forms submitted for the awards ceremony will require that the counselors be registered with an active unit. This is to comply with the Diocesan Child Protection requirements.

As a lay minister of the Diocese of Baton Rouge who works with youth, every Religious Emblems Counselor is required to:

1. Complete the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge Application for Employees & Volunteers (available from your parish) and submit to the individual parish coordinator.
2. Take the "Recognizing Child Abuse" training, available through the Diocesan website at <http://safeandsacred-diobr.org/login/index.php> and forward the certificate to the Child Protection Site Coordinator of the Catholic Church parish where he/she plans to volunteer.
3. Sign the Code of Ethics and Behavior for Adults who Minister with Minors in the Diocese of Baton Rouge and submit to his/her individual parish.
4. Participate in the Catholic Committee on Scouting training offered biannually. This requires an application signed by your pastor. Information on training dates is available on the Catholic Committee website [info.ccosbr.net](http://info.ccosbr.net).