



Piercing Arrow

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Catholic Scout Retreat 2018



Fear Not, Be Strong

Our retreat theme unexpectedly took on additional meaning when we learned that high water across the entrance road at *Camp Shawnee* in Knob Noster State Park would prevent us from holding our annual retreat at the planned location. Upon learning of this news less than 40 hours before the retreat was scheduled to commence, retreat staff led by Mary Stoner who serves as retreat Co-chair, immediately began orchestrating contingency plans. Deacon Ken Albers came to the rescue by securing the former *Archbishop O'Hara High School* facility in Kansas City. The retreat program was condensed into a day-retreat for youth participants, while the adult *Ad Altare Dei* religious emblem counselor training and *National Catholic Leadership Development* programs were conducted as planned. The retreat attendance fee was reduced to \$10 per person, and lunch was provided.

More than 100 participants showed up in the rain for our abbreviated Day-Retreat. In attendance were scouts and scouters from Troops 32, 54, 111, 124, 161, 220, 221, 391, 857, 865, 717, as well as Packs 98 and 717. Scouts from these units are chartered by or are affiliated with the following parishes: St. Mark's (T865), St. Columban (T857), Holy Spirit (T54), St. Mary's (T221), Our Lady of the Presentation (T391), St. Sabina (T111), St. John Francis Regis (P98), or with the following churches: East Alton Community of Christ Church (T161), St. Paul's United Methodist Church (T32), and Lee's Summit Christian Church (T220).

Youth participants rotated through six program stations led by the retreat youth staff. The stations were titled: **Buckets of Choice, Plutonium Transportation, Improv, Mousetraps, Collages, and Survival Bracelets.** John Griffith served as the retreat faith program director, while Ben Thomas, Tristan Spooner, Ethan Mitchell, Adam Milam, and Logan Mitchell served as senior youth staff. 16 adult scouters attended *Ad Altare Dei* religious emblems counselor training led by Dave Tracewell and assisted by John Wessling and John Pileggi. 16 adults also attended the Catholic Leadership Development session led by John Ryan. Preparing lunch was a challenge given that there was no functioning kitchen inside the school and that it rained virtually all morning. With the assistance of Deacon Ken Albers and the St. Regis Knights of Columbus council, several charcoal grills were made available to the retreat kitchen staff which used the St. Regis storage shed as a shelter while grilling 150 hamburgers for lunch. The kitchen staff included Melissa Adams, Diane Beatty, Claudia Rodriguez, Joe Rozell, John Swartz and Dcn. Albers. Diane Beatty, assisted by members of the youth staff, performed a religious emblems informational presentation that reviewed the numerous religious emblems and awards of each faith that are available within scouting for youth and adults.

To conclude the day, Fr. Joe Powers celebrated mass in the school gymnasium. He was assisted by Deacon Fred Lange of Troop 54. Sean Holland of Troop 80 at Holy Cross parish served as cantor and provided music and hymn programs for the liturgy. Tristan Spooner and Ben Thomas served as lectors during the Liturgy of the Word.

Thank you to our retreat youth staff: Benito Rodriguez, Efren Rodriguez, Ricky Rodriguez, Tanner Spooner, Tristan Spooner, Ethan Michell, Logan Mitchell, Nicholas Dunsdon, Max Shaw, John Griffith, Adam Milam, Ben Thomas, Remington Adams, Jackson McGee, and Bobby Bulloc. Thanks also goes to our retreat adult staff: Fr. Joe Powers, Mary Stoner, Bob Stockdell, James Milam, Diane Beatty, Melissa Adams, Claudia Gomez-Rodriguez, Joe Rozell, John Swartz, John Ryan, Dave Tracewell, Martin Morgan, Deacon Ken Albers, John Wessling, John Pileggi and Thomas Jewitt.

Special thanks goes to the following facilitators for registering and bringing their units to the retreat: Jake Smith, Jacob Marzalek, Shawn Lueck, Steve Marsh, John Cook, Jennifer O'Reilly, John (JR) Ryan, Heath Freiley, Claudia Gomez-Rodriguez, Melissa Guyer, and Ginger Williams.

And finally, a very special thanks to Deacon Ken Albers and St. Regis Finance Manager Kevin Vento, along with the rest of the St. Regis parish staff, Knight of Columbus Council and parishioners for their selfless assistance at the last minute to allow our retreat to proceed. We are indeed very blessed by God to have such excellent individuals such as those noted above, which allowed us to pull this off. Many thanks and blessings.

Bronze Pelican



The Bronze Pelican is a diocesan award presented to adults who have given service to Catholic Scouting through the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. Any adult who has shown awareness and concern for the spiritual development of our Catholic youth may be nominated. Nominees do not have to be registered with BSA or be Catholic.

St. George Emblem



The St. George Emblem is awarded by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting upon recommendations from the local diocesan committee. It recognizes the recipient's outstanding contributions to the ideal of "Scouting is

Youth Ministry". Recipients do not have to be Catholic or registered members of BSA - just long-time outstanding supporters of Scouting in the Catholic Church. This award qualifies the recipient to wear the adult religious award square knot.

Award Application Deadline

The Committee is seeking applicants for the Bronze Pelican and St. George awards. The deadline for submission for this year is: January 1, 2019. See *supra* for details. The applications can be downloaded from the Committee Website:

<http://Catholicscouting-kcsj.com>

See the procedure changes for applications in the article on Page 5.

Service to the Church- *A worthy goal*

The Franciscan Mission Warehouse held a fundraiser spaghetti dinner at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Independence. Pack 865, whose home church is St. Mark's, provided young boys to assist in bussing tables, assisting the elderly with their trays, etc. R. Scott Smith, Committee chair, and Matt Moore, Cubmaster, provided supervision and adult assistance.

Also assisting the cub scouts in their service in the four-hour shift were Brendan and Tyler Safley, scouts from Troop 118 (St. Peter's).

Thanks to all of the boys for their service to the Church.

All Catholic units are encouraged to provide service to their parish at every opportunity.

In Memoriam



Carol Jean DeFeo

May 12, 1946 - October 21, 2018

Carol was a longtime member of Pack 30 and Troop 30 at *Christ the King* parish in Kansas City. She, alongside her late husband Dr. Fred DeFeo, were instrumental in keeping these units in operation well after the *Christ the King* parochial school closed. It would be difficult for any scouter active in the Pioneer Trails District at any time during the past 30 years not to know or at least be familiar with Carol. She has served in numerous scouting positions at the unit, district, and council levels.

In 2006, Carol became the Catholic Committee on Scouting Communications Chair. In this role, it was

her responsibility to edit and publish the *Piercing Arrow* newsletter that you are currently reading. She continued in this position until handing the reins over to R. Scott Smith in 2010.

Carol was laid to rest at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Raytown, MO on October 26, 2018. The hundreds of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts and adult scouters will never forget how she touched each of their lives in a positive way through scouting. She will be greatly missed.

Chairman's Report



Camp draws are complete and most troops are busy making plans for summer '19 on the Bartle Scout reservation. Bishop James Johnston of our diocese will celebrate his first Mass at camp on Father's Day, June 16 during 2nd session. We look forward to welcoming him to our summer adventure.

The committee looks to oversee changes to the electrical system in the chapel as the reservation switches to all LED lighting and a new generation of fans. Collections during Mass help support these efforts. The chapel and adjacent cabin are the responsibility of our Catholic Committee on Scouting. No BSA nor HOAC funds are involved.

The **2019 Catholic Diocesan Awards Ceremony** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 27** at St. Charles parish. We hope scouts earning religious emblems or adults nominated for religious recognition can attend. It is an impressive event.

I look forward to seeing you in March or at Bartle this summer.

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John Swartz, Chairman

St. Peter's Parish, Pack/troop/crew 118

Chaplain's Report



ATTENTION! It is time to nominate adults who contribute to Scouting in the Catholic Church.

Who would qualify?

- A religious emblems counselor
- A Scout Sunday coordinator
- A great role model of Christian values
- A dedicated leader who keeps the unit going

The nominees don't have to be a registered Scouter or even Catholic. He or she just needs have fulfilled some of the qualifications listed on the application. Our website (www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com) has links to the applications for the Diocesan Bronze Pelican medal and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's St. George Emblem. I would love to see more nominations come from Packs and Crews! Deadline for submission is January 1, 2019.

This is also a good time to evaluate the status of your unit over the past year. The programs, patches and awards offered through our diocesan Catholic Committee and NCCS are a means to an end – growing in knowledge and love of our Catholic faith. Your committee strives to ensure that youth receive all that BSA offers. It should be no different when it comes to promoting 'Duty to God'.

- Do you have a Scout leader who promotes religious emblems and is a trained counselor?
- How do you measure up to the standards set by the *Catholic Quality Unit Award – Pope Paul VI*? (www.nccs-bsa.org)
- Are the Catholic boys working on their religious awards? Are the non-Catholics?
- Do you attend our annual retreat?
- Is Mass a priority on weekend campouts?

Don't be afraid to seek recognition for being an outstanding Scout Pack, Troop or Crew.

Fr. Joe Powers, Chaplain

Membership Report



2018 Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCS) membership cards were mailed on June 18. We plan to mail 2019 CCS membership cards this coming January.

As of November 1, we have currently received 56 donations from 157 registered CCS members for a total of \$3005.

28 donations of \$5 - \$15
14 donations of \$20 - \$40
6 donations of \$50 - \$75
9 donations of \$100 - \$250

Thank you to each of the following 56 CCS members who have generously donated to the 2018 membership campaign indicating their continued support support of the ongoing mission of the Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph:

John Swartz, Robert Cunningham, Joseph W. Harris, Gary Bloomer, Steve Livingston, Brad Grill, Suzanne Draper, John P. Ryan, James Julo, Samuel Otto, James Hogan, John Thornton, Bob Beck, Mary Stoner, Diane Beatty, Melissa Adams, J.C. Smith, Dcn. Ken Fuenfhausen, John Roseburrough, Tommy L. Jewitt, Robert Dwyer Murphy, Reggie Kelch, Fr. Bill Fox, Fr. Joe Powers, James Flanagan, Dcn. Doug Warrens, Tamara Barnes, Dan Barnes, Joe Dekat, Jack Morasch, Dcn. James Olshefski, Bill Kattner, Dan Morales, Donna Morales, John Ottaway, Bob Bulloc, David Bowen, Ken Yunker, Ronald LaCombe, David Mabery, Katie Radford, Homer Radford, Mike O'Neil, Patrick Parks, Colleen Chapman, Thomas G. Adams, Marilyn Giglio, Joe Rozell, John F. Wilcox,

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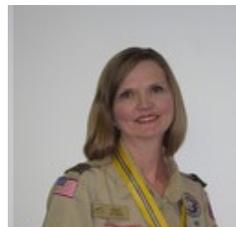
If you have not done so, there is still time to turn in your 2018 donation. Please send your tax deductible payment to:

Thomas Jewitt
Catholic Committee on Scouting - Membership
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Make checks or money orders payable to: Catholic Committee on Scouting

If you have not received a CCS membership card and would like to, please contact Thomas Jewitt (oubrioko@yahoo.com).

Religious Emblems Procedure Changes



The process of ordering religious emblems has changed and is now in effect. The new procedure is as follows:

- Visit the Catholic Committee on Scouting website:
<https://www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com>
- Click RELIGIOUS AWARDS at the top of the page.
- The order form is on the right side of the page under RELIGIOUS EMBLEM ORDER FORM. This form reflects the new pricing for all emblems.
- Complete the form and click Proceed to Payment. You'll be directed to a secure on-line payment site to complete your transaction.
- Mail the signed emblem application from the workbook to me.

Your order will be processed upon receipt of the application. Your emblems will be mailed to you or you can arrange with me to pick them up.

I will use the information from the on-line form to contact you regarding the annual religious emblem ceremony and to format certificates for the youth recipients. Please provide *first* and *last names* of the youth recipients. There's an area under each emblem category for the names.

The printed Religious Emblems Request Form previously used is outdated and will no longer be accepted.

What's New?

- The Parent Pin or Mother's Pin as it's sometimes referred to will be an option when ordering. It will not be automatically included with your order as it has in the past. There are two options when ordering your emblems: you can order the emblem only or the emblem and parent pin.
- I will make one weekly trip (Friday morning) to the Post Office to mail emblems. If you need a quicker turnaround, you will need to come to my residence to pick up the emblems.
- On-line payments for all emblem orders.

What's the Same?

- You will still need to mail the signed emblem applications from the workbook to me.

My address is:

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please don't hesitate to contact me.

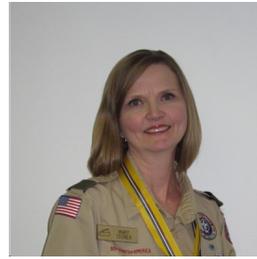
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Retreat Committee Report



Mother Nature was in charge on the weekend of September 7-9 for the Catholic Scout Retreat sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting. The campsite

entrance to Camp Shawnee at Knob Noster State Park was flooded due to torrential rain in the area, so we were forced to make a last minute venue change. We held a Saturday-only event at the former Archbishop O'Hara High School for 95 youth and adults.

Our youth staff conducted their Saturday programs centered around the retreat theme, "Fear Not, Be Strong," that included games, crafts, and art projects.

Religious Emblems Counselor Training was attended by 17 adults. The course was facilitated by John Pileggi, John Wessling and Dave Tracewell.

National Catholic Leadership Development was facilitated by John Ryan and 16 adults attended this course. Thank you to these men for taking their time to train and educate our adult scouters.

A special thanks to the retreat staff for their flexibility and dedication as we made changes on the fly to get the retreat program delivered to the participants. Their efforts are appreciated.

This year's youth staff: Efren Rodriguez, Benito Rodriguez, Ricky Rodriguez, John Griffith, Max Shaw, Nicholas Dunsdon, Ethan Mitchell, Logan Mitchell, Tristan Spooner, Tanner Spooner, Jackson McGee, Bobby Bulloc, Adam Milam, Ben Thomas, Remington Adams.

This year's adult staff: Thomas Jewitt, Bob Stockdell, James Milam, Diane Beatty, Melissa Adams, Claudia Rodriguez, Joe Rozell, Martin Morgan, John Swartz, Deacon Albers.

A special thank you to Father Joe Powers, our Spiritual Advisor. His guidance and input are

invaluable and we appreciate the time he takes to help with the retreat planning.

Preparations are in the works for the 2019 Catholic Scout Retreat, so watch for details coming soon.

Mary Stoner
Retreat Co-Chair

Philmont- a Rare Life Experience

by John Ryan

I am writing this to show my appreciation and to share some wonderful experiences that my wife Donna and I had at Philmont this summer.

We were able to take the train which was super. We have not been able to see much of the mountains in our life, and it was truly spectacular.

When we arrived at the training center and completed check in, we were assigned to a very large wall tent with concrete base, two beds, a locker and even electricity and lighting. It was quite spectacular compared with Bartle and Naish. The mountains surround you with beauty and God's presence.

The young adult staff was great and very helpful. The food was terrific.

We met leaders from all over the country. Many had brought their children and everyone we met was just plain happy. My most important observation is that in the whole time there, I did not hear one argument, one complaint, or one harsh word. It is truly a Godly place.

It is very unfortunate that some of the mountains were black from the fires and sometimes we could smell burnt wood when the breeze was right. Other mountains were green and untouched. As a result of the fire, many mule deer wandered around the camp. Many had burns on their backs and flanks. One day Donna noticed a doe that was pregnant and had burns on her body. The next day we saw her again with her new fawn.

It is painful that so many young people could not trek at Philmont this year, but they have

been guaranteed a spot next year; and the staff will be ready for them.

Donna had a great time as a "Silverado," as defined by one of my Scouts as someone who is too old to do scouting any more. A Silverado is a spouse who does a lot of fun things. Donna toured the mansion, went to Cimmeron, made jewelry, used a lathe to make a wooden pen and hung out with me for dutch oven cobbler, barbeque night and an ice cream social. She also went to Mass with our group. Of course she talked to anyone who would listen. There are Scouters all over the country that know more about our grandchildren than I do.

With the assistance of our local Catholic Committee on Scouting, I was able to take the one week training titled "Scouting in the Catholic Church." The course was led by members and clergy from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. We were very fortunate to have our national Chaplain Fr. Kevin Smith and Bishop Daniel Conlon from the diocese of Joliet, our national liaison to the National conference of Catholic Bishops. The course was outstanding including all phases of youth ministry in Scouting, working with our local Catholic committee, and training on the four parts of National Catholic Leadership Development: Leadership, Holiness, Conversion, and Worship. We were able to go to Mass together every day and to share our faith with others of our group. Our very own Fr. Joe Powers is the new chaplain of the National Committee on Scouting.

Thank you so much Catholic Committee and National Catholic Committee.

Thank you God the Holy Spirit who breathes life into us all.

John Ryan,
Asst SM Troop 221

Mark Your Calendar

2019

Bishop's Religious Emblems Ceremony

Wednesday, March 27

7 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

900 NE Shady Lane Drive

Kansas City, MO 64118

Make plans now to join Bishop James Johnston and Father Joe Powers as they recognize adults who have been nominated by their peers for their dedication to Catholic scouting, as well as youth that have earned their Catholic religious emblem in 2018.

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