



Piercing Arrow

November 2021

Published by the Catholic Committee on Scouting

Diocese of Kansas City- St. Joseph, Missouri

www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com

Chairman's Report

This year has been both an exciting and challenging one. We continued to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic and many changes in our Scouting program. We continued to work with our youth on religious emblems and meet as a committee every other month (7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish on the 3rd Wednesday).

Many of us enjoyed camping this summer at the H. Roe Bartle Reservation. This included attending Mass at our newly renovated Chapel of the Twelve Apostles. In the last summer we also participated in a Day of Reflection involving our young Scouts, as well as training session for our adult leaders.

An event to look forward to is our annual Awards Ceremony. This is to be held at St. James Parish in Liberty, Missouri, on February 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop James Johnston, an Eagle Scout, will preside and recognize our Catholic Scouting youth who have earned various religious emblems and adults who help support Catholic Scouting.

Thank you, to all of you, for giving me the opportunity to lead this Catholic Committee as your Chairman these last few years. A new Chairman will take over in January, 2022. Give him all the support he will need.

I look forward to an exciting and vibrant new Scouting year in 2022. As always, thank you for all you do for Scouting.



Mike O'Neil, Chairman

Chaplain's Report

Religious Award Recognition Service

February 28, 7pm, St. James Catholic Church in Liberty. Please consider worthy adults for the Bronze Pelican or the St. George Emblem. I would like to see more Packs and Troops send nominations. Honoring your adult leaders for their contribution to Catholic Scouting is a valuable witness for your Cubs, Scouts, and Crews. Applications can be found attached to this newsletter or at www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com

Chartered Organization Representatives of

Catholic units. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting has reached an agreement with BSA that requires you to complete the training module for Catholic CORs in order for your unit to re-charter. Log-in to your account at My.Scouting.org. NCCS promotes *Scouting as Youth Ministry* so it is very important that pastors/youth ministers and unit leaders understand the relationship spelled out in the chartering agreement.

Re-chartering. You may have received a letter from BSA asking you to choose one of three options regarding insurance coverage. Several Dioceses have formed a committee to work with Catholic Mutual Insurance on the issue. Units are being asked to not vote. **If you have voted, please send a copy to the committee Counsel:**

Daniel Schufreider, Schiff Hardin LLP, 233 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 7100, Chicago IL 60606
dschufreider@schiffhardin.com; 312.258.5669, fax 312.258.5600



Fr. Joe Powers, Chaplain

Religious Emblem Counselor Training

As previously reported, Religious Emblem Counselor Training was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at St. Mark Parish in Independence. 7 adults from throughout the diocese completed the training, which will allow them to teach the Ad Altare Dei course or facilitate the Pope Pius XII course.

There are many trained counselors in the diocese, but very few classes being held at this time. If you're trained, please consider conducting a class for the Catholic scouts in your area.

If you're in need of an Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII class for your Catholic scout, visit the Catholic Committee on Scouting website: www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com and click on the RELIGIOUS AWARDS tab. On the right side of the page, click on Counselor List under the DOCUMENTS heading. If one of these classes is not convenient or you wish a class for your unit, contact Mary Stoner, Religious Emblems Chair, at: mstoner2005@comcast.net

If you need help getting started, or have questions, please contact Mary Stoner at mstoner2005@comcast.net.



Mary Stoner, Religious Emblems Chair

H R Bartle Catholic Chapel Summer '21

It was nice to experience a normal summer schedule at The Chapel of the Twelve Apostles. The large diameter fans, courtesy of Troop 30 and the legacy of Dr Fred and Carol DeFeo, were used for the first time and benefitted all who gathered. Sunday Masses were well attended.

As a welcoming church several meetings take place each session at the chapel. It is a convenient location and sheltered from the Ozark weather.

Special thanks for spring clean up at the chapel goes to troop 395 from Cure of Ars parish in Leawood and Nativity of Mary in Independence MO. Scouts set aside a weekend each spring to clean and

prepare the chapel, grounds and cabin for summer use. Efforts are much appreciated.

I am looking forward to a full summer in 2022.



*John Swartz
Chapel host and caretaker
816.678.9848*

Membership

As reported earlier this year, the Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCS) mailed membership cards to 117 members as part of our annual membership appeal along with a plea for donations to our Bartle Reservation Catholic Chapel of the Twelve Apostles and chaplain's cabin repair and improvements campaign.

If you have not yet had the chance to donate, you may do so by using the return envelope that was enclosed with your membership card or you can donate online by visiting our website: www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com and then clicking: **"DONATE."**

Your financial stewardship is greatly appreciated.



Thomas Jewitt, Membership Chair

Day of Recollection

The Day of Recollection for youth was lightly attended. Another victim of the Pandemic, no doubt.



2022 Religious Awards Ceremony

All adult leaders and scouts of the diocese who earn Catholic religious awards in 2021 will be invited to the awards ceremony on February 28, 2022, at 7 p.m. Monday, February 28, 2022. The location is St. James Catholic Church, 309 S. Stewart Road, Liberty, MO 64068.

A reception will follow in the parish hall hosted by Troop 214

The deadline for inclusion in the ceremony is January 21, 2022.

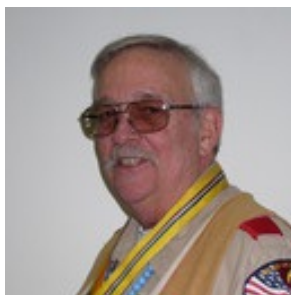
Youth Participation in Ceremony

Questions??? Contact Mary Stoner,
mstoner2005@comcast.net

Deadline for **youth** inclusion in the 2022 **ceremony** is January 21, 2022. All paperwork and emblem requests must be sent to Mary Stoner, mstoner2005@comcast.net by this date.

Adult Religious Emblem Nominations

The Bronze Pelican and St. George forms are attached. They've been updated with the current deadline of **January 1, 2022**.



*Bob Stockdell
Award Ceremony Chair*

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Chair: Mike O'Neil, 816-665-6876

Vice Chair: John Swartz, 816-678-9848

Chaplain: Fr. Joe Powers, 816-373-2600

Secretary: Thomas Jewitt, 816-537-6104

Treasurer: Joe Griggs 816-651-4869

Member-at-Large: Joe Rozell, 816-916-5330

Religious Emblems: Mary Stoner, 816-509-7702

Religious Award Ceremony, Bob Stockdell, 816-518-0268

Religious Activities: vacant

Retreat Director: Diane Beatty

Membership: Thomas Jewitt, 816-537-6104

Unit Relations: Joe Rozell, 816-916-5330

Catholic Leader Development: John Ryan, 816-833-1141

Vocations: vacant

Communications/ Editor: R. Scott Smith, 816-588-3377

Bartle Maintenance: Shawn Lueck

Emblem Counselor Training: Dave Tracewell, John Pileggi,
John Wesling

Director, Diocesan Youth Ministry Office: Michael Nations
816-756-1850

Heart of America Council Liaison: vacant



THE

ST. GEORGE

EMBLEM

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting®, acting through the local diocese or eparchy, may award the St. George emblem to members of the laity and clergy, Scouters and non-Scouters alike, who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through Scouting.

The recipients of the emblem are to be sought after and selected by an active committee of the (arch)diocese/eparchy. This committee is to be newly-appointed each year by the diocesan Scout chaplain or chairperson.

Nomination forms should give a detailed description of how the nominee provides outstanding contribution to the

spiritual development of Catholic youths through Scouting in the Catholic Church. It is improper to nominate oneself or one's immediate family members.

General Scouting achievements do not qualify a person to receive the St. George emblem. The Boy Scouts of America has district, council, regional and national awards for such recognition.



GUIDE FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION

The following are guidelines for nomination and selection of St. George emblem recipients. These suggestions are offered as a guide only; they are indicative of some of the kinds of things that the nominator and selection committee should be looking for. Accomplishment and sustained dedication are more significant than a specific number of years in Scouting.

- ♦ Promoting the religious emblems programs for Catholic youths or serving as a counselor, moderator or coordinator. Encouraging non-Catholic youths to participate in the religious emblems programs of their own faiths.
- ♦ Giving notable service in promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the church and being willing to serve on committees for those purposes.
- ♦ Actively participating in and promoting Scout retreats and days of recollection.
- ♦ Giving notable service in organizing and maintaining Catholic-chartered Scouting units including multiple units where needed.
- ♦ Giving notable service in bringing the Catholic program to those youths not in Catholic-chartered Scouting units.
- ♦ Using fully one's general Scouter training as well as "Scouter Development" to provide an outstanding Catholic Scouting program for youths.
- ♦ Arranging opportunities for Mass and other Catholic worship services at camporees and summer camps. These must be consistent with the documents of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Providing also for the spiritual needs of non-Catholic Scouts.
- ♦ Encouraging appropriate ecumenism and Catholic leadership within the various Catholic-chartered Scouting units.
- ♦ Using the Catholic press and other communications media to create a better understanding of the aims and ideals of Scouting as an apostolate to youths.
- ♦ Educating clergy and laity about Scouting as a youth apostolate in the Catholic Church.
- ♦ Giving leadership in promoting Scouting for all youths regardless of race or creed. Helping organize Scouting units for minority and disadvantaged youths.

SEND THIS COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

Each (arch)diocese/eparchy can award one emblem annually plus one additional emblem for every 20 Catholic-chartered units or fractions thereof within the diocese. The total number of units is based on the records at the national office on Dec. 31 of the year preceding the nomination. An (arch)diocese/eparchy is not required to present the full quota of emblems each year, but cannot carry over to a following year. Selectivity is important. *No posthumous or honorary recognitions are to be made.* **Diocesan Chairman or Chaplain will send one order form for all honorees. Do not send this form to the National office.**

Return this completed application to:

Father Joe Powers
3736 S Lee's Summit Road
Independence MO 64055

Application Deadline: January 1, 2022



NOMINATION

RECORD OF NOMINEE:

Using the guide-points below, describe the outstanding service the nominee has given to the **spiritual development** of Catholic youths through the Scouting apostolate. Include pertinent dates. Use additional sheets of paper as needed. **Greatest emphasis should be placed on the first point below.**

1. Service to or positions held in the spiritual development of Catholic youths in the Scouting apostolate.
2. Service to or positions held in the Boy Scouts of America, if applicable.
3. Service to or positions held in the parish, (arch)diocese/eparchy or both.
4. Service to or positions held in other organizations (such as business, civic, religious, educational and fraternal).

**NOMINEE:**

Name: _____ Name of spouse: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____
Parish: _____ (Arch)diocese/eparchy: _____
Registered in Scouting as: _____ Council: _____
Occupation and employer: _____
Phone: (home, business, pager or cell) (____) ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

RECOMMENDED BY:

Name: _____
Phone: (home, business, pager or cell) (____) ____ - _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____
Date submitted: ____/____/____ Email (please print) _____

Pastor Signature:

I, _____, the candidate's pastor, state I know of no reason why the candidate should not receive the St. George Emblem.

Signature

Date

FOR OFFICIAL USE**(ARCH)DIOCESAN/EPARCHIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL:**

The St. George selection committee of the (Arch)Diocese/Eparchy of _____ certifies that the record of service of this nominee has been carefully reviewed and that the nominee meets the standards for this emblem as established by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting®. The nominee is hereby selected for reception of the St. George emblem.

Date: ____/____/____ Signed: _____
____ Chairperson, selection committee

(ARCH)DIOCESAN/EPARCHIAL APPROVAL:

On ____/____/____, the above-named candidate's pastor, _____,
Date Name
stated he knew of no reason why the candidate should not receive the St. George Emblem. Therefore, based on the approval of the selection committee, the candidate is approved for the reception of the St. George emblem.
Date: ____/____/____ Signed: _____
(arch)diocesan/eparchial Scout chaplain

LOCAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING OFFICE RECORD:

Date emblem ordered: ____/____/____ Date emblem received: ____/____/____

Date emblem presented: ____/____/____ Presented by: _____

Nomination Postmark Deadline: January 1, 2022



Recommendation for
THE BRONZE PELICAN EMBLEM

Submission Deadline: January 1, 2022

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN _____

PARISH _____ ARCH/DIOCESE _____

REGISTERED SCOUTING POSITION _____ COUNCIL _____

PARISH APPROVAL

The above-named candidate is hereby approved worthy of receiving this emblem.

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

For Use By:

THE KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING OR CAMP FIRE APPROVAL

The Bronze Pelican selection committee in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph certifies that the record of service of the above-named candidate has been carefully reviewed. This candidate meets the requirements for receiving this emblem as defined by this diocese and approved by its Ordinary.

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING RECORD

DATE EMBLEM ORDERED _____ DATE EMBLEM ORDERED _____

DATE EMBLEM PRESENTED _____ PRESENTED BY _____

EMBLEM NO. _____ IN THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH

INSTRUCTIONS

The Bronze Pelican Emblem is a diocesan recognition defined by the Catholic Committee on Scouting with the approval of the bishop. It may be presented to any adult working in the Scouting Programs under Catholic auspices, to Catholics in Units not partnered by the Church, and to those who have made significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationship. It may be given to Catholic men and women, including priests and religious, or to non-Catholics.

The purpose of this emblem is to recognize an outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Scouting Programs.

All recommendations shall be forwarded to the Selection Committee after parish approval is received.

NOTE: Applications received without parish approval or not completely filled in will not be considered for the emblem.

GUIDE FOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

Following are some examples, a combination of which might make a leader a possible candidate for this recognition. These suggestions are offered as a guide only; however, they are indicative of some of the things that the Selection Committee should be looking for. This list is not inclusive. There are many other areas that could be considered.

- A. Promote the religious emblem program for Catholic youth and serve as a counselor.
- B. Service in promoting units to perform Catholic activities and service projects for the church and a willingness to serve on like committees
- C. Active participation in the Catholic Committee Program, *National Catholic Leadership Development: Ministry Formation for Leaders*, youth retreats or being instrumental in having others participate.
- D. Outstanding service in promoting and participating in Scout Sunday
- E. Service in bringing scouting to more youth under a Catholic identity
- F. Assist parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting Scoutmasters, or other key leaders.
- G. Responsible for Catholic youth being transported to Mass while on camping trips or summer camps.
- H. Encourages the true spirit of ecumenism as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership within various Scout units under Catholic auspices.
- I. Instrumental in promoting the full Scout program in all parishes or Catholic organizations, including multiple units where needed.
- J. Making a significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationships.
- K. Through the Catholic press and other communication media, create a better understanding of the aims and ideals of Scouting by clergy and laity.
- L. Being instrumental in organizing new Scouting groups under a Catholic charter or Leadership.

Return this completed application to:
Father Joe Powers
St. Mark's Parish
3736 S. Lee's Summit Road
Independence, MO 64055

Nomination Postmark Deadline:
January 1, 2022

Be complete with the background on the candidate. Use reverse side and additional paper, if necessary.

**What has this person done to promote and enhance the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting?
(use the guidelines on the preceding page)**

Current position held in Scouting:

Current religious role or activity at the parish or diocesan level

Has the candidate participated in any of the following programs offered through the Catholic Committee on (Boy) Scouting?

Religious emblem counselor training	Y/N	Date_____
Scout Development: Ministry Formation for Leaders	Y/N	Date_____
Annual retreat sponsored by The CCS	Y/N	Date_____
Parish membership representative training	Y/N	Date_____
Scout training for Charter Organization Representative	Y/N	Date_____

Submitted by: _____

Phone_____

Work_____

Nomination Postmark Deadline: January 1, 2022