

Activity Awards for All!

In addition to the national recognitions distributed at the Annual Diocese of Camden Scouting Youth Ministry Awards Ceremony in June of each year, we encourage you to earn one or more of the following activity awards distributed at the annual Scout Sunday Mass, held in March of each year.

But you do not have to be a scout, or even a youth, to earn most of the awards!

After reading about the 12 programs below and exploring them further on the web sites listed,

- decide which awards you would like to earn
- complete the requirements for your age group
- share what you've learned with an adult for review
- complete the application form
- mail the form and the appropriate fee to:

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Bible Basics RP3 - RP3 stands for **R**eading the Bible, **P**icturing the passage, **P**ondering its meaning, and **P**utting it into action. Youth and adults can earn these four 3" patches and/or 1" pins. The Good Book patch is considered the anchor patch, the first patch that should be earned. http://www.praypub.org/main_frameset.htm

Blessed Are the Merciful - All youth and adults are invited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Catholics in scouting by earning this 3" patch. Requirements include activities that link the Catholic Church with the scouting movement all over the world, contribute to the Catholic education of youth through scouting, and enhance the spiritual dimension of Catholic scouts. <http://nccs-bsa.org/activities/KeepTheLampBurning.php>

Catholic Church and GSUSA - Celebrate the relationship between the Catholic Church and Girl Scouting by exploring the symbolism of the stalk of wheat, the daisy, and the lily. Girl Scout members learn the rich traditions of the Catholic faith and will be inspired to become stronger members of their Catholic community. Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts complete six requirements, Junior Girl Scouts complete nine, and Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts complete 12 requirements to earn the patch. http://nccgscf.org/Catholic_Church_and_Girl_Scouts_Patch.pdf

Catholic Identity Patch Program - Earn patches of Models of Faith and of Women of Scripture that foster Catholic identity, and encourage youth to learn more about their faith, to serve their community, and to grow in holiness. Boys and girls in grades 1-12 complete four of the activities to earn each 1.5" patch. <http://www.nccgscf.org/cathidpp/index.htm>

The Divine Mercy Award - Take up St. Faustina's mission of spreading the message and devotion of The Divine Mercy of Jesus and earn The Divine Mercy patch or pin. Requirements vary by grade level. Kindergarteners must complete ten of the 38 requirements. Those in grades 1-3 complete 16 requirements. Grades 4-6 complete 20, and grades 7-12, as well as adults, complete 26 of the 38 requirements to earn a 3" patch and/or 5/8" pin: <http://marianweb.net/archives/pdfs/stories/DMawardBooklet.pdf>

Faith Series - Learn more about the universal faith-based practices and traditions used in living the Catholic faith. Introducing this new series is the 3" Corporal Works of Mercy Patch. Other patches will be introduced in the future.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/fs-CorporalWorksofMercy.php>

Footsteps of American Saints - Honor one or more of the men and women in this series who have led heroic lives of faith, and earn a 3" patch of each saint. Requirements vary for each age group and take less than an hour to complete. When you go to each saint's link, click on the "Answers to Requirements" for a handy trifold flyer. Requirements for adults to earn each patch are as follows: 1) Assist the youth with the Footsteps of American Saints activity. 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about the saint. 3) Review the youth requirements after s/he has completed the activities. 4) Help the youth to fill out the application and submit it.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/FootstepsOfAmericanSaints.php>

Holy Rosary Program - Learn the history and purpose of the Rosary to earn a 1.5" center patch, and then earn separate rocker patches for each of the four mysteries. Requirements are written for two levels of youth (grades 1-5 and grades 6-12), as well as for adults.

<http://www.region3nccgscf.org/programs/regpatch.html>

International Awareness Recognition - Support the work of the ICCS (International Catholic Conference of Scouting) by earning this 3" patch and 5/8" pin (for grades 1-8) or patch, pin, and 1.5" medallion (for grades 9-12 and adults). Requirements vary for each age group and focus on linking the Catholic Church and the Scouting Movement all over the world.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/ICCS.php>

The Marian Activity Series - Each activity in this series examines one of the nineteen Marian feasts commemorated in the United States, focusing on how and why the Church has chosen to honor Mary for more than 2,000 years. To earn the 3" patch, follow the same format as the Footsteps of American Saints, above.

<http://nccs-bsa.org/activities/index.php>

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Celebrate the reality of Mary's presence and power in our faith and community. Incremental requirements match ability levels for kindergarteners through grade 8 to earn the 3" patch.

Puzzle Patches - Earn four 3" patches over a four-year span to form one picture of God's creation. The very simple requirements are the same for youth and adults. The availability of the Girl Scout Puzzle Patches is limited. They should be purchased from the website as soon as possible instead of waiting for Scout Sunday Mass. The Girl Scout eagle patch is no longer available.

http://www.praypub.org/main_frameset.htm

Rosary Series - Learn about the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, as well as how to pray the Rosary, and earn five different 5" patches. Requirements vary according to three age groups: 1st through 5th grade, 6th through 12th grade, and adults.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/RosarySeries.php>