

Saved as "Religious emblems and how to earn them – v1" – July 1, 2018

This was prepared in response to a Scouter's question about how her Cub Scouts (as well as for the older Boy Scouts) could earn their religious emblems. I'd written the following to her, and then did additional research to share with all of the scouting volunteer leaders in our community to assist the youths in earning their religious emblems of their various faiths. As I have more info, this will be updated.

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For the scouts of other faiths (Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, etc) you will need to contact the Religious Relationships Chair of that committee to confirm how they want the paperwork completed and filed (thru the council as well as the religious committee). I am currently working on an outline for all the scouting leaders so they know what needs to be done for their youths and on how to earn and be recognized with their faith's religious scout emblems. If we don't have the contact info (ie the forms are sent directly PRAY), this important info may or may not be put into his or her scouting records at the SCC BSA council office.

Hope this helps clear stuff up a little bit. Please be in touch with me directly if you have any other questions... and thanks to Cathy for bringing this to my attention! Enjoy the summer season and have a happy and safe July 4th!

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For Cathy: cc to other Religious Emblems coordinators of various faiths in case you need info for other religious emblems and how to proceed.

Click on link and then read where it says Jewish faith the books can be purchased at Scouting store In Medford or online .

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf

for Eastern Orthodox Christian Scouts the books are available on line at the EOCS webpage.

Scouts can work on the award with their parent. Then they must meet with their priest. The booklet must signed by the priest, then the leader (cub/scout/crew). Then it gets mailed to Pray Pub with the fee for the medal. The medal should be presented in Church by the parish priest. If the scout and or parent needs help they can feel free to contact me

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EOCS Religious Emblems

Suffolk County Council.

EOCS awards are open to all EASTERN ORTHODOX SCOUTS male or female. Laura HG

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For the Jewish Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venture Crew Member:

For the Maccabee Emblem for the Tiger and Wolf Scout and the Aleph Emblem for the Bear and Webelos Scout, (you can go to <https://www.jewishscouting.org/cub-scout-emblems> for the info and workbook. Once the workbook is completed, parents and the scout leader signs the form but **then send it (with the check) to the JCOS of the Suffolk County Council (BSA)** and it will get to Barry Kopeloff (the Jewish Committee on Scouting of SCC BSA Chair). He will arrange for presentation of the medal and certificate to the Cub Scout. For the Boy Scout and Explorer Scout, the youth will need to have a Board of Review (much the same as a rank-advancing Board of Review in the individual unit) once he has completed the workbook (working with his Rabbi, Hebrew School teacher, or other approved Jewish Emblem Counselor).The instructions in the computer printout forms are not completely accurate. Instead, you need to have the parent/counselor sign the application, as well as the Cubmaster and **it is then submitted to the local Jewish Committee on Scouting, in this case to the JCOS of Suffolk County Council (BSA) --NOT to PRAY in St. Louis!!!** If it is sent to PRAY, we don't have a record of this important accomplishment in the life of the Cub Scout in his/her scouting records at council. (This goes for all of the religious emblems, not just for the Jewish Cub Scout or Boy Scout, but for the Protestant, Catholic, Muslim, Mormon, Baptist and all other scouts).

For the Jewish Scout, you can contact myself or Barry Kopeloff (the current JCOS Chair) and we will arrange to present the emblems at a Pack Night, a Scout Sabbath service, any Sabbath service (family service, etc) and/or the annual JCOS breakfast and awards ceremonies (held in Feb). For the Catholic scouts, there is usually a class given and the counselor arranges for the presentations as well as for the proper signing of all the paperwork and getting it to the Diocese of Rockville Centre for certification. The presentation of the Light of Christ and Parvulei Dei emblems are usually done at the Feb. Scout Sunday Celebration of the Mass at the scout's personal church.

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RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS FOR CATHOLIC CUB SCOUTS

LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Light of Christ Religious Emblem is presented to Catholic Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts for religious knowledge and spiritual formation. Working with his parent or guardians it is hoped that the Cub Scout will develop a personal relationship with Jesus and come to see Jesus as a real person and friend. This emblem must be completed before the Cub enters third grade.

PARVULI DEI

The Parvuli Dei (Children of God) Religious Emblem is presented to Catholic Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts in third grade and above. The Cub works with his parents or guardians to help him to understand his importance as a member of his family and to become aware of God's love for him. This emblem must be completed before entry into Boy Scouts.

PROCEDURES

Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei Record Books may be purchased at the local SCOUT SHOP or from the Catholic Scouting Office. The Cub Scout completes the requirements with his parents or guardians. Some packs have a person or coordinator who organizes the pack's participation in the program. When all work has been completed, the Cub presents himself (with his Record Book) to one of the priests (or his designee) in his parish. The priest will speak to him about the activities he did to complete the work. The priest will then sign the Emblem Application which is found on the last page of the Record Book. If other Cubs in the Pack are working on the emblem it is recommended that they join together to visit the priest. The completed Emblem Application is sent to the Catholic Scouting Office (Address below) with the fee for the emblem. Checks may be made payable to: "Catholic Committee." If possible, combine orders for shipping and presentation. Emblems and books may be picked up in person at the address below. Advance phone notice is recommended.

QUESTIONS? Contact your "Religious Emblems Coordinator" or the Catholic Scouting Office: 516-678-5800, ext. 245 or scouting@drvc.org

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RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PRICE LIST

(Effective until October 31, 2018)

Light of Christ Activity Book + shipping \$ 5.00

Light of Christ Medal with pocket certificate + shipping \$ 9.25

Parvuli Dei Activity Book + shipping \$ 5.00

Parvuli Dei Medal with pocket certificate + shipping \$ 9.25

Religious Emblem Square Knot Patch – optional (with medal order) \$ 2.00

SHIPPING

LIGHT OF CHRIST and PARVULI DEI

BOOKS # MEDALS

\$ 3.00 1 \$ 3.25

\$ 3.25 2 \$ 3.25

\$ 3.75 3 \$ 4.50

\$ 3.75 4 \$ 4.50

\$ 3.75 5 \$ 5.25

\$ 4.25 6 \$ 5.25

\$ 4.25 7 \$ 5.25

\$ 4.75 8 \$ 7.25

\$ 4.75 9 \$ 7.25

\$ 4.75 10 \$ 7.25

Checks payable to: Catholic Committee on Scouting

Mail to:

Catholic Scouting Office

P.O. Box 9023

Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

For medals: Completed Emblem Application of each scout must accompany order.

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Catholic Religious Emblems for Boy Scouts and Venturers

Ad Altare Dei - The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (to the Altar of God) program is to help Catholic Youth of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven sacraments. The seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth.

- Eligibility - Designed for youth 13-14 years old, older youth may use this program. Female Venturers may work on this emblem.
- Be a registered youth in a Troop or Crew, an active member of the unit for 6 months and completed 6th grade before starting the program.
- The book is designed for the youth to work on with the guidance of a trained religious emblems counselor.

- The program is designed to be completed in 6-8 months.
- The use of a Catholic Bible is required for this program. You will need to have one to use.
- The program requires Regular participation in Sunday worship.

Pope Pius XII is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program.

- **Eligibility** - Registered Venturing Crew Members and Boy Scouts of Catholic Faith.
- The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the church as calls from God.
- It includes youth led discussions on current issues facing the church and society, which are normally included as part of a Pius XII retreat or day of recollection. A trained adult facilitator manages the emblem group. Designed for age 15-16 year old, but all registered Venturers (male or female before their 21st birthday) and all registered Boy Scouts (in high school, before their 18th birthday) are eligible.

Light is Life is a program developed for scouts of the Eastern-rite Catholic Churches

(rather than the Ad Altare Dei program. It is not appropriate to work on both programs.) Light is Life respects the cultural and ritual differences among the various Eastern Catholic Churches. For more information, go to this link <http://www.nccsbsa.org/index.php/religious-emblems/light-is-life> and contact the Diocesan Scouting Office.

Procedures for Catholic Religious Emblems for Boy Scouts and Venturers

This page provides additional information for Scouts and Counselors and clarifies instructions contained in the Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual. Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Record Books may be purchased at the local SCOUT SHOP or from the Catholic Scouting Office. The Ad Altare Dei (AAD) is completed with a group, preferably, and always with a Trained Adult Counselor (Counselor training is made available across the Diocese.) The Pope Pius XII (PPXII) emblem is worked on in a group, preferably, and always with a trained adult Facilitator who is there to assist the youth in the completion of this peer led discussion based manual. **Counselors for the Ad Altare Dei and Facilitators of the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblems must be trained and certified by the Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.** Some units have a person or coordinator who organizes the troop or crew's participation in the program.

Ad Altare Dei: The Emblem Candidate should read pages 2 and 3 of the Scout Manual .

1. Complete the application form contained in the front of the Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual. The application form requires the signature of the Applicant, Parent /Guardian, the Counselor, the Unit Leader, and the Pastor. Keep the original application form attached to the Ad Altare Dei Manual.
2. All written work is to be completed according to Instructions on page 3 of the Scout Manual. All work must be noted in the manual or a separate binder where there is no room in the manual. Candidate made items (Banners, posters, etc.) must be submitted for the Board of Review. Photographs may also be used.
3. Typically, the Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual is started in September. The
4. AAD Manual must be completed no later then April 15 of the year the emblem is to be received and submitted to the Diocese for review along with all completed projects.
5. Upon reception of the application and the AAD Manual, the Candidate will be notified by mail as to the date, time and location of his/her Ad Altare Dei Board of Review. The Candidate must appear in full Scout uniform.

Pope Pius XII: The candidate should read pages 4and 5of the Scout Manual.

1. To begin work you must be: a registered Boy Scout or Venturing Crew member and be in High School before beginning this program. Boy Scouts must complete requirements prior to their eighteenth birthday; Venturing Crew members must complete requirements prior to their twenty-first birthday.
2. Complete the application form contained in the front of the Pope Pius XII Scout Manual. The application form requires the signature of the Applicant, Parent / Guardian, the Facilitator, the Unit Leader, and the Pastor. Keep the original application form attached to the PPXII Manual.
3. All written work is to be completed according to Instructions on page 5 of the Scout Manual. Any items not done in the Manual must be noted and attached to the Manual. The completed Manual must be submitted at the Board of Review. Photographs may also be used.
4. Typically, the Pope Pius XII Scout Manual is started in September or October. The Manual must be completed no later than April 15 of the year the emblem is to be received.
5. Upon reception of the application and the Scout Manual, the Candidate will be notified by mail as to the date, time and location of his/her Pope Pius Board of Review. The candidate must appear in full Boy Scout or Venturing Crew uniform.
6. After the Board of Review, the completed Emblem Application is sent to the Catholic Scouting Office with the fee collected at the Board of Review for the emblem. Checks should be made payable to: Catholic Committee on Scouting.
7. Before September, the Emblem Candidate will be mailed the details (date, time, instructions) regarding the Boy Scout Convocation held at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre where the emblems will be presented by the Bishop or one of his Auxiliaries. This is a full uniform event and is typically held on the third Sunday in September.

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