



**Annual Scout Religious Award
Recognition Ceremony
February 24, 2019**

St. Augustine of Canterbury
Belleville, Illinois



The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

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Delivering Catholic Youth Ministry Through Scouting Programs

Prayerful Silence before the Service Begins

Cantor: Greeting

(Please Rise)

Hymn: "Christ Be Our Light" *(page 781 in the hymnal)*

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: *Amen.*

Celebrant: May the God of all creation, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: *And with your spirit!*

Celebrant: As we come together in God's presence this afternoon, let us pause for a moment, mindful of God who continually watches over us and all of our activities.

Blessed are You, Lord God, of all creation; to You we offer praise, for when we pray we speak of our love for You and of Your love for us. May we show that our hearts are filled with Your love by the way we live our lives so that our neighbors may see your Gospel through our actions and words. We ask this through Jesus our Lord.

All: *Amen. (Please be seated)*

Reading: A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being*, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthy, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God*

Cantor: "Alleluia" (Gospel Acclamation) *(Please stand)*

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: *Glory to you, O Lord*

Gospel: Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ*

Monsignor Bill McGhee

BLESSING OF THE AWARDS AND EMBLEMS

(Please Stand)

Celebrant: Our Lord God, before us are the symbols of these Scouts' efforts to live their promises to give reverence to You. We ask You to bless these Scouts and these symbols of their devotion to You. Give them a pure heart that they may see You, a humble heart that they hear You, a heart of love that they may serve You, a heart of faith that they may continue to live their lives in fulfillment of their Scout promise to reverence You. We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen. *(Please be seated)*

Homily



Girl Scout Awards

Family of God Medal



St. Nicholas & St. Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon

Girl Scout Brownie Troop #23 - Lauren Walford, Advisor

Brianna Benko
Holly Kalmer
Madeline Watkins

Emma Edwards
Kaitlyn Walford

St. Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon

Girl Scout Brownie Troop #194 - Deacon Dennis Vander Ven, Advisor

Abigail O'Keefe

St. Joseph - Freeburg

Girl Scout Brownie Troop #356 - Alicia Morgan, Advisor

Alaina Marie Morgan

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus - Belleville

Girl Scout Brownie Troop #647 - Tempess Barnett, Co-Leader

Caroline Smith
Isabella Roman

Peyton Becherer
Trinity Paul-Wilmore

I Live My Faith Award



Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Herrin

Girl Scout Cadette Troop #8115 - Denna Smillie, Advisor

Mia Harness
Katie Weaver

Delaney Harrison

St. Bernard - Albers

Girl Scout Junior Troop #8461 - Stacey Schroeder, Advisor

Tessa Schroeder

St. Mary - Carlyle

Girl Scout Cadette Troop #688 - Kelly Dempsey, Advisor

Madeline Dempsey

Mary, The First Disciple



Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Herrin

Girl Scout Cadette Troop #8115 - Deanna Smillie, Advisor

Alayna Jarvis
Katie Weaver

Delaney Harrison



BOY SCOUT AWARDS

Light of Christ



St. Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon

Matthew Howk

St. Edward - Fairfield

Aaron Kosmatka

St. Nicholas - O'Fallon

Dominic Flores

Parvuli Dei



Corpus Christi - Shiloh

Sean Mullins

Holy Childhood of Jesus - Mascoutah

Riley Siemiet

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Herrin

Christopher Banks

Noah Banks

Michael Diederich

Nolen Frost

Jacob Jarvis

Adrian Marlow

Jacob Weaver

St. Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon

Luka Bow

Braden Busch

Lucas Howk

St. Joseph - Freeburg

Nathaniel Grime

Ad Altare Dei



Cathedral of St. Peter - Belleville

Carter Lindauer

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Belleville

Alex Hampton

St. Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon

Isaac Hubbard

William Kinsella

Jack Ingebretsen

Jeremy Walker

St. Nicholas - O'Fallon

Joshua Litteken

Pope Pius XII



Holy Childhood of Jesus - Mascoutah

Avery Cozzi

Benjamin Grawitch

Holy Trinity - Fairview Heights

Harrison Klohr

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Belleville

Robert Borik

Andrew Sanker

Jacob Buettner

St. Clair of Assisi- O'Fallon

Oscar Speakes

Lucas Ueda

St. Edward - Fairfield

Jackson Mills

Pillar of Faith



Holy Childhood of Jesus - Mascoutah

Benjamin Grawitch

Holy Trinity - Fairview Heights

Harrison Klohr

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Belleville

Robert Borik

Jacob Buettner

Andrew Sanker

St. Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon

Oscar Speakes

Lucas Ueda

St. Edward - Fairfield

Jackson Mills

International Awareness Award



St. Edward - Fairfield

Jackson Mills

Simon's Cross



St. Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon

Matthew O'Keefe

Pope Paul VI

National Unit Excellence Award



Holy Childhood of Jesus - Mascoutah

Boy Scout Troop #57

COLLECTION

All of the Religious Awards presented today are paid for through donations to the Diocesan Committee on Scouts. Please help us to continue to provide Catholic education to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of our Diocese through your prayers and donations. Just place your donation in the collection baskets. You can also send any donations to:

**The Diocesan Committee on Scouting
417 Meadowlark Lane
Belleville, IL 62220**

Thank you for your generous support!



ADULT SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS

BRONZE PELICAN AWARD



The *Bronze Pelican* emblem is a diocesan recognition. The image of a pelican is used for this medal because the adult pelican gives of itself to nurture its young. This medal recognizes the selfless dedication of those adults who receive it to the Catholic Boy Scouts of our Diocese.

St. George Award



The St. George emblem is a national recognition. St. George is the patron saint of knighthood in England. He was known as a defender of virtue even at the risk of life itself, and is a person who spent his life in services of others. The St. George medal gives a special recognition to those adults who made a significant and outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in scouting. Only two St. George medals may be awarded by the Diocese each year.

“The MSGR. URBAN KUHL LIFETIME OF SERVICE” AWARD

Monsignor Urban Kuhl served as the Chaplain of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for many years and had been a supporter of Scouting in the Catholic Church throughout his life. This included holding Mass at Scout camping events over the years in all kinds of good and foul weather. He did so without complaint even though he had consistent pain in his back that made it difficult to stand and walk for extended periods of time. This award in his honor is to recognize those adults whose service to Catholic Scouts has already earned them the national recognition of either the St. George or St. Ann Awards, but who have continued to provide years of service to the Catholic youth of our Diocese.

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouts is deeply grateful to this year’s Award recipient for many years of unselfish, dedicated service to the scouts and youth of our Diocese.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(Please Stand)*

How wonderful, O God, are the works of Your hands; the heavens declare Your glory, the arch of the sky displays your handiwork.

In Your love You have given us the power to behold the beauty of Your world, robed in all its splendor. The sun and the stars, the valleys and the hills, the rivers, lakes and streams all disclose Your presence. The roaring breakers of the sea tell of Your awesome might; the animals in the field and the birds in the sky proclaim Your wondrous will. All life comes forth from You.

“And so, we ask You, Lord God, blessed above all, to bless us in all things through Christ, so that whatever happens in our lives will work together for the good. And may Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Go, in the peace of Christ.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: “America the Beautiful” *(page 825 in the hymnal)*

Please remain standing until all scouts have left the church.

Please remember to join us for refreshments after the ceremony.

***A Very Special Thanks to Natie Climaco and Rita Schaefer
for lending their musical talent to this year’s program.***



Girl Scout Recognitions

God is Love



The *God Is Love* program is designed for use with students who are in kindergarten or first grade. The program helps students discover an appreciation that God created, cares for, and loves us all.

Family of God



Brownie (or Junior)

The Family of God Award is for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire girls, ages 7 to 9, or in the second and third grades. The Family of God is an activity series developed to compliment the Catechetical efforts of the parish and families. It's purpose is to help girls discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish.

I live My Faith



Junior (or Cadette)

The I Live My Faith program is designed to help Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members, ages 9 to 11, appreciate more deeply the place that God and religion occupy in their daily life. Youth recognize their potential as a growing person, friend, and member of their family, a citizen, and a participant in the community of faith.

Mary, the First Disciple



Cadette (or Senior)

Mary, the First Disciple, is for Catholic young women ages 12 to 15. It involves these youth in an understanding of Mary as the model of openness and spirituality -- a woman of the Church. Through this program, young ladies gain the opportunity to develop new insights into their personalities, their friends, parents and the world around them.

The Spirit Alive



Senior or Ambassador

The Spirit Alive program is designed for Catholic youth in high school who are in the Senior level or higher of Girl Scouts or are Horizon Club members of Camp Fire. It assists them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the church's ministry.

Boy Scout Awards



Light of Christ

LIGHT OF CHRIST



Cub Scout Tiger or Wolf

The *Light of Christ* program helps the Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus. A Cub Scout earns this religious emblem by completing all steps in the Light of Christ Activity Book, to the satisfaction of his parents, *before* he starts third grade.

Parvuli Dei

PARVULI DEI



Cub Scout Bear or Webelos

The *Parvuli Dei* (Children of God) program helps Bear Cub and Webelos Scouts discover the presence of God in their daily lives, as a member of a family, parish and community. A Cub Scout earns this religious emblem by completing all steps in the Parvuli Dei Activity Book, to the satisfaction of his parents, *before* he becomes a Boy Scout or finishes fifth grade.

Ad Altare Dei



Boy Scout

The *Ad Altare Dei* (to the altar of God) program is for Boy Scouts who completed sixth grade, *before* beginning the program, & are not yet 18 years old. Scouts relate the knowledge of their faith in areas of the seven Sacraments. Their active participation in the Church should take on new meaning.

Pope Pius XII



Boy Scout

The *Pope Pius XII* program is available to any Catholic Boy Scout who has started ninth grade. The Pope Pius XII program deals with Church related ministries and vocations.

Pillar Of Faith



Boy Scout

The *Pillar of Faith* program provides a special recognition to those Boy Scouts who have earned all four of the Catholic Religious Emblems: The Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and the Pope Pius XII emblems. The name and design of the award represent the four religious emblems like pillars, supporting the Scout's development and appreciation of the Catholic faith. The religious emblems are the pillars, not the roof, for none of us are ever done growing in our faith.

Are you called to be actively involved in bettering the lives of our Catholic youth?

The purpose of the Diocese of Belleville Catholic Committee on Scouting is to give guidance, vitality, and leadership in the spiritual phase of Scouting to all Catholic scouts and scouters of the diocese.



Emblem Counselor Training

A counselor approved by the Catholic Committee on Boy Scouting, Diocese of Belleville is required to offer the religious emblems designated for Boy Scouts and older, especially the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII programs. This training will prepare and qualify an adult to serve as a Religious Emblems Counselor.

**For Future Religious Emblem Class Schedules
Please visit our website:**

www.diobellescouts.org



Boy Scout Award Questions?

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