



Annual Scout Religious Award Recognition Ceremony

May 2, 2021

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"



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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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. John. (*1 Jn 3:18-24*)

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

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 John. (*Jn 15:1-8*)

All: *Glory to you, O Lord*

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

None at this time.



BOY SCOUT AWARDS

Light of Christ

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Cathedral of St. Peter - Belleville

Johnny Marshall III

Peter Schwartzkopf

Holy Trinity - Fairview Heights

Kaden Attaway

Ethan Daniels

James Graser

Julia Graser

Adam Kueper

Connor O'Rourke

Levi Pajares

Declan Peludat

Colton Pyle

Garrett Schenck

Isaac Schenck

Caleb Sherfy

Cashies Stewart

Mikel Taylor

Sloan Wiley

Amelia Wilkens

St. Joseph - Freeburg

Andrew Morgan

Parvuli Dei

PARVULI DEI



Cathedral of St. Peter - Belleville

Warnicke Beatty

St. Teresa - Belleville

Mackenzie Bagby

Queen of Peace - Scott AFB

Elise Toth

John Toth

Ad Altare Dei



St. Mary - Belleville

Isaac Riesenberger

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus - Belleville

Rebecca Bagby

Alayna Grime

Alyssa Grime

Jeremy Grime

St. Mary - Carlyle

Maddie Dempsey

William Freeland

Christian Miller

St. Clare - O'Fallon

Matthew Ueda

St. Nicholas - O'Fallon

Zachary Fisher

Simon's Cross



St. Edward - Fairfield

Jackson Mills

Pope Paul VI National Unit Excellence Award



Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Herrin

Boy Scout Troop #7085

St. Clare of Assisi- O'Fallon

Boy Scout Troop #94

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 KUHLMAN 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"



1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years



1. For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
2. A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
3. Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
4. Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



1. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
2. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
3. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
4. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



1. And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
2. Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
3. Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
4. And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

Text: CMD; Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929. Music: Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903.

*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

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.diobellescout.org



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