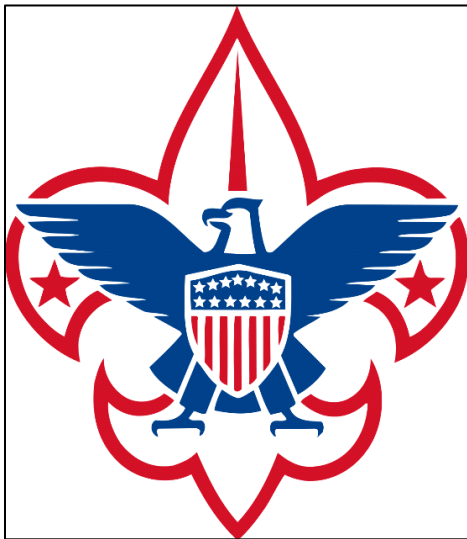


Boston Catholic Scouting Religious Emblems Online Training



for

Coordinators, Counselors, and Facilitators

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The Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting (BCCS)

The Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting is made up of volunteers whose mission is to assist the Scouts to grow and develop in keeping with the spirit and teachings of Jesus and the highest ideals of His Church.

We also assist their leaders in the task of helping to develop the spiritual life of the Scouts. We

thank you for your ministry to the youth in Scouting and especially for taking the time to complete this training.

The Religious Emblems Program in Scouting can have a significant influence in developing spirituality, citizenship, and character. The most important ingredient in Catholic Scouting is the interaction that youth have with their adult leaders and with priests, deacons, and religious emblem counselors. Volunteers in Scouting are role models and mentors and have a lasting impact on the lives of the youth they serve.

It is estimated that a typical Catholic Boy Scout interacts with his adult leader an average of 550 hours in a year at weekly meetings, weekend and camping activities, and other events. With this interaction, the leaders and religious emblems counselors have a unique opportunity to help young people understand their faith and live it more effectively.

Overview of Online Emblem Training

This Online Emblem Training is designed for those who wish to serve as a coordinator, counselor, or facilitator for a Cub Scout or Boy Scout Catholic Religious Emblem Program. It has become a digital world and we hope that offering the training online will encourage more Scout leaders to become spiritual leaders for the Scouts. This training encompasses all four available Catholic emblems: Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII

What is the Goal of Online Training?

The goal of this training is to give you the information you need to serve as a religious medal's coordinator, counselor, or facilitator. At the end of this training, you should:

- Understand how Catholic Scouting and the religious emblems can help a young person grow in faith, and Scouting as a youth ministry
- Know what religious emblems are available to Scouts
- Have a basic idea of the goals and content of the emblem requirements
- Gain a basic understanding of the stages of youth spiritual development

- Understand the differing roles of coordinator, counselor, and facilitator in relation to specific emblems, and the requirements for serving in those roles
- Understand important points from the Scout requirements for child safety
- Understand the requirements for earning a religious emblem

Please view the video of “The Value of Religious Emblem Program”

by Dr. Bob McCarty and Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cadOehqApjE>

Eligibility Requirements to Complete Online Training

- You must be a practicing Catholic and your pastor must sign the second page of the application found at the end of the training or write a letter of recommendation.
- You must be a registered Scout.
- You must have clear and current CORI with both your pack/troop *and* your parish.
- You must have completed the Youth Protection Training sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America.
- You must complete the Training Questionnaire after reading the material.
- You must complete the Application for Certification at the end of this training.
- You must read and sign the Memorandum of Understanding from the BCCS.

Completing the Online Emblem Training

After reading all this material, complete and print out the following:

- Training Questionnaire (p 15).
- Application for Certification of a Catholic religious medal’s coordinator, counselor, or facilitator (p. 18)
- Memorandum of Understanding (p. 20)
- Youth Protection Certificate
- Proof that you are a registered Scout

You must mail or email a copy of all the above to Marie Erwin (address on p. 22).

You will be emailed a certificate indicating that you have successfully completed the training. At that point, you are considered trained and can begin classes with the Scouts.

BSA Youth Protection

We know youth protection is a serious issue today. The underlying concept that many of us have is that not only should children be protected, but that they and their parents know they are protected.

Because the religious medals program works with Scouts, we want to emphasize Two-Deep Leadership, No one-on-one Contact, and Respect of Privacy. Further information on these three aspects of Youth Protection Guidelines is found in the following paragraphs.

The Boy Scouts of America has adopted a number of policies aimed at eliminating opportunities for abuse within the Scouting program. These policies focus on leadership selection and on placing barriers to abuse within the program.

The BSA has adopted the following policies (among others) to provide additional security for our members. These policies are primarily for the protection of our youth members; however, they also serve to protect our adult leaders from false accusations of abuse.

Two-Deep Leadership

Two registered (and CORI cleared through the chartered organization associated with the Archdiocese of Boston) adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth and be CORI cleared through the chartered organization associated with the Archdiocese of Boston. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age-and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#))

No One-to-One Contact

One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#))

- In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.
- Private online communications (texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.

- Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
- A meeting in the home of the Scout or the counselor is NOT acceptable.

Respect of Privacy


Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

Below is important information posted on the BSA website concerning Youth Protection Guidelines. All coordinators, counselors, and facilitators must have taken the BSA Youth Protection Training and be a registered Scout to participate in the Religious Emblem Programs. Verification of these requirements must be submitted along with the application to become a coordinator, counselor, or facilitator.

Guide to Safe Scouting

All participants in official Scouting activities should become familiar with the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#), applicable program literature or manuals, and be aware of state or local government regulations that supersede Boy Scouts of America practices, policies, and guidelines. The *Guide to Safe Scouting* is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures gleaned from a variety of sources. For some items, the policy statements are complete. Unit leaders are expected to review the additional reference material cited prior to conducting such activities.

In situations not specifically covered in this guide, activity planners should evaluate the risk or potential risk of harm, and respond with action plans based on common sense, community standards, the Boy Scout motto, and safety policies and practices commonly prescribed for the activity by experienced providers and practitioners.

 [Download the print-friendly version here.](#) This is the full PDF version that contains updates as of August 2019. Please refer to the [online version](#) for the most updated information.

Cub Scout Religious Medals

Light of Christ

The Light of Christ is for Tiger or Wolf Cubs (registered 6 & 7-year olds) of the Catholic faith and must be completed before the Scout starts the third grade. The Light of Christ medal program is meant to:

- Support the role of parents
- Identify Jesus as a real person
- Foster early family religious involvement
- Focus on the Eucharist and forgiveness
- Emphasize parish as a place to come together to celebrate
- Explore Jesus' love for us

Parvuli Dei

The Parvuli Dei (Child of God) is for Bear and Webelos (registered 8-10-year olds) and must be completed before a Scout becomes a Boy Scout. The Parvuli Dei medal program emphasizes:

- Development of an awareness of God's love
- Each person's identity within the family
- That parishioners must share their talents with the parish, and the scout can also do the same
- The responsibilities of God's love

The Role of the Parent/Guardian and Coordinator for Cub Scout Religious Awards

Parent or Guardian

There are two religious emblems that are designed to be earned within the family, with the parents or guardians as the "counselors." These are Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei. When a parent works with his/her own child, there is no diocesan ministerial role or youth protection requirement.

Religious Emblem Coordinator

The religious medal coordinator promotes the programs and:

- Assists parents in understanding the program

- Checks on the progress of the group
- Takes care of the various administrative tasks

A religious emblem coordinator does not work directly with Scouts but provides support to the family-based programs such as the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei. The family-based medals are designed for Scouts working with parents or guardians. Group work outside of the family setting is not usually appropriate.

Stages of Faith

Each religious emblem is created with the Scout's faith development in mind. Read below to understand the two stages of faith development* for both the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei medals.

- **Intuitive-Projective Faith:** This stage places great emphasis on the importance of God in child's life, especially by parents and family members. Parents serve as a source of authority regarding religious matters. Children (ages 4-8) are typically found in this stage.
- **Mythic-Literal Faith:** The person begins to take on for him or herself the stories, beliefs and rituals, which symbolize belonging to his or her community. Beliefs are appropriated with literal interpretations, as are moral rules and attitudes. The child can make some personal judgments, but still yield to trusted adults for conclusions and guidance (including family, teachers, and religious leaders). Usually this stage begins in middle to late childhood (ages 6 or 7) and lasts until the threshold of adolescence (ages 11-12).

** In his book Stages of Faith (Harper & Row, 1981), developmental theorist and theologian James Fowler describes the different stages of faith development which individuals move through. Building on the work of Lawrence Kohlberg moral development) and Jean Piaget, (cognitive development), Fowler describes the development of faith in six stages.*

Getting Started with Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei

- Cub Scouts are required to purchase the Light of Christ workbook and or the Parvuli Dei workbook. These workbooks will be completed with the assistance of parents or guardians.
- **The Consultation:** Both the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei medals require a consultation by a parish priest, deacon, or other parish minister such as the religious education coordinator. We urge that the consultation be with a priest in the parish,

because this gives the Scout an opportunity to interact with his or her pastor or other priest.

- Before attending the consultation session, the application at the back of the book must be completed. The pastor's and Cubmaster's signatures will be added at the end of the consultation.
- After the application is removed from the workbook, the religious emblem coordinator must mail the completed applications and a check made out to Family Life Ministry at the Archdiocese of Boston (see p. 22 for address). One check is appropriate for all the awards. Please provide a name and address where the medals should be sent.
- Approximately three weeks after the completed applications are received, the emblems will be mailed. Please leave enough time so that the emblems are received prior to Scout Sunday.
- **Present the award:** The family-based awards are to be presented at the parish level. The Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting urges that they be presented at a parish liturgy. Scout Sunday is an ideal time, but a scout should not be made to wait an extended period after completing requirements for an award. It is recommended that all religious awards are also re-presented at a troop meeting for an additional recognition to the scout, and a witness to other scouts.

Boy Scout Religious Medals

Ad Altare Dei

The Ad Altare Dei (To the Altar of God) is designed to be earned by Scouts who are in grades 7–12 (designed for youth 13 & 14 years old), however older youth may use this program as well. It is recommended that the Scout be a member of a troop for at least 6 months.

The Ad Altare Dei program is meant to:

- Introduce the Scouts to the Seven Sacraments. Each section in the workbook concentrates on a different sacrament;
- Further the understanding of the connection between the Seven Sacraments and the Boy Scout Oath, Promise and Law;
- Be conducted by a counselor and an assistant.

The counselor works with the Ad Altare Dei candidates to provide spiritual leadership and should strive to develop in the youth a better understanding of the program and how it affects them. The counselor is a guide, not a lecturer, but helps provide insight, respond to questions, and provide direction. A small group of Scouts is desirable, but a counselor and assistant may work with an individual Scout.

Pope Pius XII

The Pope Pius XII Medal is designed for Scouts in the grades 9–12. The purpose of this award is to:

- Explore the Baptismal call in order to bring out an awareness of current and future calls from God in their: inner self, secular community & church community;
- Explore potential vocations, occupations and ministries;
- Explore an issue in society/church and its impact;
- Be conducted by a facilitator and an assistant.

The facilitator encourages the Pope Pius XII candidates and helps them work as a small group or community. This is specifically designed to be completed in a group setting. For these emblem requirements, the facilitator's responsibility is to observe, guide, and help the candidates to ask questions and seek answers rather than provide ready-made answers to them.

Stages of Faith

Just as with the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei Medals, the faith development stage* is taken into consideration with each of the Boy Scout religious emblem. Below are the faith stages for the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII medals.

- **Synthetic-Conventional Faith:** This stage encompasses both adolescents and adults. The average age of entry into this stage varies from 12 years to adulthood. Departure can begin as early as 17 or 18. The salient characteristic of this stage that corresponds with the emergence of adolescence, is the concern with the interpersonal. The adolescent begins to internalize the ideas, expectations and views of others in order to foster a growing identity. Lack of consensus among significant others can lead to "compartmentalization". Symbols are now understood to have a distinctly personal

quality; this "God" or Jesus Christ can be both a friend and companion for the adolescent.

- **Individuating-Reflective Faith:** Transition from stage 3 to stage 4 can be a protracted process. The onset of transition roughly parallels college entrance (age 17 or 18) and lasts through the early 20s. However, Fowler notes that for many adults the process can take place in the 30s and the 40s. Transition to this stage allows late adolescents to begin viewing a faith that is more and more "their own". Faith is not only more personal, but also produces the need for a faith expression that is both consistent and coherent. Late adolescents who have reached this stage are challenged to critically reflect on their own life and its meaning. The person begins to take seriously the burden of responsibility for his or her own commitments, lifestyles, beliefs, and attitudes.

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Getting Started with Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII

- Scouts working on either Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII are required to purchase the workbook. The coordinator or facilitator should also purchase both the appropriate workbook and the manual that goes along with it. These can be purchased at the local Scout shop or online at www.praypub.org.
- The workbooks and the manuals were designed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting with specific attention to age levels and spiritual growth.
- The requirements and educational information for each emblem are explained in great detail in the manuals for the counselor and facilitator. It is important that the counselor or facilitator take the time to read the manual before beginning the program. Any questions you may have will be answered in the manual. The application in the front of the Scout's workbook must be completed with all necessary information prior to beginning the program. This includes a pastor's signature indicating that the Scout is a participating member of the parish listed on the application. The application should not be torn out of the workbook until the Board of Review is completed and the necessary signatures are added to the application.
- A counselor or facilitator is not allowed to waive any requirements or make substantive changes. Except in the case of a special needs Scout. If a Scout has not completed a

requirement properly, the signatures at the end of that section should not be completed.

- Both Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII require that the Scout meet with a Board of Review. Should a Scout not have completed a step, that fact may become apparent during the Board of Review, which could lead to the scout not receiving the emblem.
- The purpose of the interview with the Board of Review panel is to assure that the Scout has completed the requirements as specified for the religious emblem and to allow the Scout to share his or her thoughts on the emblem and the process. The interview is not a test, but a discussion. The Scout is encouraged to bring his or her medal workbook or notes.
- The workbooks have a form to be completed after the review. The form is then sent to the Archdiocese of Boston (see p. 22). A check for the emblems must be included. One check is fine for all candidates. Please include an address where the medals should be sent. Please leave approximately three weeks for the emblems to be received.
- The religious medal coordinator should always be informed of the progress of those scouts working on the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII programs.

Scouts with Special Needs

Although the requirements for the religious medals cannot be changed, modifications and adaptations can permit the adult counselor or facilitator to present the program to any Scout with special needs. In the case of educational disability, the Board of Review should be made aware of the person's disability prior to the meeting, so that they may fairly evaluate the progress made by the Scout.

The Board of Review

The Board of Review will meet in or near the parish or meeting location of the Scouts, to the extent possible. The role of the Board is to encourage the Scout to share the Scout's experience in earning the emblem, and to validate that the proper procedures and steps were followed. It is not a detailed examination on the content of the requirements.

A Board of Review is generally put together by the Religious Emblem Coordinators, Counselors or Facilitators for youth who have completed the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII medals. A

Board of Review should consist of at least three people. They can be made up of people such as Religious Emblem Counselors, Scout leaders, Scouts who have already earned the religious emblems, priests, deacons, religious, lay ministers, etc. as well as by one or more members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Boston if possible. If a member of the BCCS cannot attend, the Board of Review may still take place.

The main purpose for a Board of Review is to give the Scouts an opportunity to show off what they have learned in a relaxed format that promotes discussion among all the participants. It is NOT meant to be a test like an oral exam or a grilling where the Scouts are peppered with questions they must answer or else they fail. Those on the Board should therefore attempt to ask questions on the main topics covered in the various chapters in the book in a way that promotes a lively dialogue among all who are present in order for everyone to come away having learned something new.

Funding for the Emblems

Should families be unable to pay for the workbooks or emblems, we urge pastors, coordinators, counselors or facilitators to seek funding for the awards from the scout unit, parish, or a Catholic fraternal organization such as the Knights of Columbus.

Ordering of the Emblems

Upon completion of all requirements and the Board of Review, the application and check can then be sent to the Archdiocese of Boston. One check for all Scouts is appropriate. Please indicate where the emblems should be mailed. They will then be mailed from the Archdiocese of Boston to the person indicated within three weeks.

Presenting the Emblems

All awards are to be presented at the parish level. As suggested for the family-based awards the Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting urges that they be presented at a parish liturgy. Scout Sunday is an ideal time, especially for these awards, but a Scout should not be made to wait an extended period for an award. It is recommended that all religious awards are also re-presented at a troop meeting for an additional recognition to the Scout, and a witness to other Scouts.

While this may repeat information you have already seen, they are important points. Much effort has gone into the creation of this policy to achieve two goals that are very important:

- Scouts and their parents must feel secure in the religious emblems program. The religious emblems are not awards from the Boy Scouts of America, rather they are church programs which are recognized by BSA.
- Ensure the quality of the work of Scouts through qualified counselors and facilitators.

We must ensure that Catholic Scouts have an opportunity to achieve the best possible faith experience from earning religious emblems, and that they work on those emblems in an environment where they are secure and protected. We must promote and observe the Youth Protection Guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Information for Pastors and Scout Leaders of Catholic Chartered Units

Scout crews, troops, and packs belong to and are owned by the parish (i.e. the chartered organization) that charters them. Each year parishes receive a national charter to use the Scouting program as part of their youth work. Boy Scouts of America chooses religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, labor, governmental bodies, and professional associations to charter troops and packs that it sees as having goals compatible with those of its own.

Each chartered organization using the Scouting program provides a meeting place, selects an advisor, Scoutmaster or Cubmaster, appoints a troop committee of at least three adults, and chooses a chartered organization representative.

The troop committee works on behalf of the chartered organization and the troop must be operated within that organization's policies. The troop committee is also responsible for supporting the Scoutmaster in providing a quality troop program and handling troop administration.

The chartered organization (parish) is responsible for approving all adult leaders. While the Boy Scouts of America provides the program and support services, it is the parish that provides the adult leadership and uses the program to accomplish its goals for youth in its parish and community. For more information regarding this relationship, consult the [Troop Committee Guidebook](#) published by the Boy Scouts of America.

There is, therefore, no such thing as an independent Scout troop that merely uses the facilities of a parish like an outside organization. While some troops and parishes may unfortunately seem to operate in this fashion, this is not the way it is or should be. Troops and parishes are meant to be united in their outreach and service to youth in the parish and wider community. Scout leaders

are parish youth ministers and are thus responsible for knowing the policies and expectations of the parish and BSA regarding child protection.

Important Catholic Scouting Website Resources

Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting: www.bostoncatholicscouting.com

National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS): www.nccs-bsa.org

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM): www.nfcym.org

NCCS Religious Emblems including Rosary Series, Saints Program, International Catholic Awareness : <https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/religious-emblems>

For information on non-Catholic religious medals and purchase of workbooks and manuals: www.praypub.org

The following are not part of training but are listed as resources for additional information:

- **Information about Scouting roles in a parish:** <https://www.catholicnh.org/assets/Documents/Family-Youth/Scouts/ScoutingLeadershipResponsibilities.pdf>
- **Scouting in the faith based organization (Scouting as Applied Christianity):** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cvp-G5YiWYpftK9ae7pIG11TIR-LdoDusXHUMf96PKw/edit>
- **Information about adult recognition awards:** www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/adult-recognition
- **Information about the Golden Bow Membership Recognition Award:** <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/pdf/gbow.pdf>
- **Information about the Pope Paul VI Quality Unit Recognition:** <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/catholic-quality-unit-award>
- **Information about Duty to God Recognition:** <https://nccs-bsa.org/index.php/duty-to-god-recognition>
- **Information about Gold Medallion Award:** <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/pdf/gmed.pdf>

- **Information about religious activities and patches for all adults and youth – Scouts or non-Scouts and Catholics or non-Catholics, male or female:** www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/religious-activities
- **Catholic Boy Scouting literature:** <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/order-forms-and-literature>
- **Catholic Eagle Scout Recognition from Pope Francis:** <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/catholic-eagle-scout-pope-francis>
- **Understanding girls in Boy Scouting:**
 - www.nccs-bsa.org/images/pdf/familyscouting/BSA_Family-Entry-Fact-Sheet-1.pdf
 - https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Family-Scouting_Infographic_v11.pdf
 - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/10/11/bsa-welcomes-girls/>

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Training Questionnaire

Name: _____

Results: _____

Date: _____

Carefully read each question and circle the correct answer or answers

- “Synthetic-Conventional Faith,” where a scout can begin to see Jesus as a friend and companion, most often occurs in which age range:
 - Pre-school
 - Ages 6-12
 - 12 years to adulthood
- Which one of the following is NOT a Catholic Scout religious medal?
 - Parvuli Dei
 - Ad Altare Dei
 - God and Me
- True or False: The Ad Altare Dei medal focuses on the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
 - True
 - False
- True or False: When a coordinator begins to meet with the Scouts and work with them on requirements, that person has left the role of coordinator.
 - True
 - False
- The Pope Pius XII emblem would require which of the following adult advisors with the Scouts?
 - Facilitator
 - Coordinator
 - Counselor
- Which two of the following emblems is designed for Scouts in a group setting rather than for individual work?

- Ad Altare Dei
- Parvuli Dei
- Pope Pius XII
- The counselor or facilitator can waive requirements or substitute requirements when:
 - There is not enough time to complete the requirement.
 - A scout has special needs.
 - The scouts are not interested.
 - All of the above are correct.
- Which of the following is a true statement about Youth Protection Policies in connection with work as a Catholic religious emblem's coordinator, facilitator, or counselor?
 - Youth Protection Policies do not apply.
 - Only Scouting policies apply.
 - Archdiocesan policies and Scouting policies apply.
- True or False: To preserve confidentiality while working on religious emblems, a counselor should meet in private with a single scout.
 - True
 - False
- True or False: A religious medals coordinator, counselor, or facilitator is not required to take the Virtus training from the Archdiocese if that person has completed the BSA Youth Protection Program.
 - True
 - False
- True or False: A Scout who has completed all requirements can still receive a religious medal even when the requirements for the counselor or facilitator were not met.
 - True
 - False
- A scout is required to have an interview with a Board of Review before being awarded which of the following:
 - All religious medals
 - All family-based religious medals
 - All medals requiring a counselor or facilitator
- Which of the following statements are true?
 - A counselor or facilitator should collect the cost of the medal from the scout at the start of the program as an incentive for the scout to finish.
 - A check should be sent with the applications for the all medals.
 - Workbooks can be purchased from a Scout store or www.praypub.org.
 - Coordinators, counselors, and facilitators should seek a funding source for emblems if

- the Scout's family cannot afford the cost of the emblem.
- True or False: Anyone working with Scouts in the Archdiocese of Boston must have a clear and current CORI through the chartered parish in the Archdiocese of Boston.
 - True
 - False

Application for Certification of a Catholic Religious Emblems Coordinator, Counselor, or Facilitator

Name

Street Address

City or Town

Zip Code

Phone

Email Address

Name/town of Parish

I am registered with the following council

I am registered with Pack # _____ or Troop # _____

Town of Pack or Troop

By completing this training, you are certified to be a coordinator, counselor or facilitator for all four Catholic religious emblems. However, I wish to be listed only as a: (please check all that apply)

_____ Coordinator for Cub Scout Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei

_____ Coordinator for Boy Scouts Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII

_____ Coordinator for all

_____ Ad Altare Dei Counselor

_____ Pope Pius XII Facilitator

NOTE: Coordinators, counselors, and facilitators, working directly with Scouts on medals must complete the online training and comply with all Youth Protection Policies.

I also serve in the following capacity within the Boston Archdiocese and/or my parish:

The following endorsement is required or a letter from the pastor of your parish

Please have this section signed by your pastor. Or you may attach a letter of endorsement from your pastor in lieu of having this section signed. **The pastor must verify that you have a current and clear CORI.**

This applicant is a member of this parish in good standing and I know of no reason why the applicant should not function as a religious emblem's coordinator, counselor, or facilitator for Scouting within this parish or elsewhere in the Archdiocese.

Date

Name

Parish

Town

Please submit all pages of this form.

Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting only

All necessary information is included, and this individual is certified to be a Catholic religious emblem coordinator, counselor, and/or facilitator.

Print Name _____

Title _____

Signature _____

Date _____

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Scout Coordinator/ Facilitator/Counselor of the Catholic Religious Emblem Program for the Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Archdiocese of Boston

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Girl Scouts of America (USGSA) are proud of their long-standing and mutually supportive relationship with the Catholic Church, which dates to the early 1900s. It is understood that the motivating force in Scouting is spiritual and that through a relationship with Scouts, each boy and girl is encouraged to become a disciple of Jesus Christ and a participating member of his/her parish.

The Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting (BCCS) acknowledges the long history of mutual support and close cooperation with Scouting. Scout troops have been a consistent presence in many of our parishes and schools, working in close cooperation with Catholic pastors, principals, and other church leaders to nurture the healthy development of young men and women, and building faith through the Catholic Religious Awards Programs. The BCCS has benefited from the extraordinary volunteer service by Catholic women and men who have found in the Scouting program a means to help Catholic boys and girls develop into knowledgeable Catholic men and women who are followers of Jesus Christ.

Based on mutual respect and shared values, the facilitator/coordinator/advisor agrees to the following:

- Communicate and adhere to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts with whom they are working;
- Maintain regular, ongoing communication with the Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting.
- Be screened and approved by BSA or USGSA in accord with BSA and USGSA policies and procedures and the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese of Boston which includes maintaining a clear, annual CORI through the Scout leader's parish;
- Ensure that at least two adult registered Scout volunteers at least 21 years of age (or a parent/legal guardian and an Archdiocese of Boston CORI cleared and registered Scout volunteer) are present at each meeting in which Scouts are present and that the health and safety of all is of utmost importance. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. This female must also have a current and clear CORI through the chartered organization associated with the Archdiocese of Boston.
- To conduct and teach classes in compliance with Catholic teaching and diocesan policy, especially its small child protection policies;
- Promote and provide support for the achievement of Catholic religious emblems and awards;
- Establish regular, clear and ongoing communication with parents of Scouts participating in the program.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting agrees to:

- Provide ongoing support for Catholic religious awards programs through its Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Family Life & Ecclesial Movements Ministry;
- Provide guidance and support to coordinators, facilitators, and counselors in matters related to Catholic teaching and/or Archdiocesan policy. This Memorandum of Understanding will be in effect for three years and may be terminated by any one of the above parties at any time.

Coordinator/Facilitator/Counselor

Print Name _____

Title _____

Date _____
Signature _____

Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting Designee
Print Name _____
Title _____
Date _____
Signature _____

Thank you for completing this program. Please send the following to Marie Erwin, either by mail or email.

- **Completed “Training Questionnaire”**
- **The “Application for Certification” as a religious medal’s coordinator, counselor, or facilitator. Make sure all pages are included.**
- **Signed “Memorandum of Understanding”**
- **A copy of your “Youth Protection Training Certificate”**
- **Proof that you are a registered Scout**

Email the above items to Marie Erwin at dogs11@aol.com

When completing the application, please check all the emblems for which you would be willing to serve as a coordinator, counselor, or facilitator.

If we have an inquiry from a Scout in your area who would like to earn an emblem for which you have expressed a willingness to serve, we will put you in contact with that Scout.

If you would like to express any limitations on your ability to be a counselor or facilitator, please use the margins or blank space on the FRONT of the application form.

As soon as we process your application and verify that you have met all the requirements, you will receive a certificate from the Boston Catholic Committee on Scouting (BCCS) indicating that you can start working with the Scouts on the Catholic religious emblems.

Send completed emblem applications and checks to:

Emily Elliott, Family Life Consultant
Pastoral Center
66 Brooks Drive
Braintree MA 02184

Phone 617-746-5801

Email Emily_elliott@rcab.org

Checks should be made out to Family Life Ministry