

OVERVIEW OF THE FOUR CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS MEDALS

A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious emblem programs have been developed for all religions. The Boy Scouts of America has approved these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer their own programs

Medal	Light of Christ	Parvuli Dei	Ad Altare Dei	Pope Pius XII
Participants	Tigers and Wolves Before starting 3 rd grade	Cub Scouts Ages 8, 9, 10	Boy Scouts Ages 13 and 14	Boy Scouts Ages 16-18
How Does it Work	Family oriented. Workbook is completed with parents or guardian, not in a meeting setting. A coordinator will organize meeting with pastor and presentation of medals.	Family oriented. Workbook is completed with parents or guardian, not in a meeting setting. A coordinator will organize meeting with pastor and presentation of medals.	A trained Religious Emblem Counselor conducts meetings. Approximately 3 to 8 scouts in a group.	A trained Religious Emblem Facilitator conducts meetings. Approximately 3 to 8 scouts in a group
Who can be a Coordinator, Counselor, or Facilitator	Coordinators must be a registered scouter, trained by the Catholic Committee on Scouting, and have submitted a letter from their pastor, that they are a participating member of the parish.	Coordinators must be a registered scouter, trained by the Catholic Committee on Scouting and have submitted a letter from their pastor, indicating that they are a participating member of their parish.	Counselors must be a registered scouter, trained by the Catholic Committee on Scouting and have submitted a letter from their pastor, indicating that they are a participating member of their parish.	Facilitators must be a registered scouter, trained by the Catholic Committee on Scouting and have submitted a letter from their pastor, indicating that they are a participating member of their parish.

**Information
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Light of Christ**

Workbooks can be purchased at most Scout stores. They can also be ordered online from www.praypub.org.

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The application in the back of book must be completed and signed with appropriate signatures. Once the Cub Scout completes the book, he will attend a meeting with the Pastor or Parish Administrator along with any other Cub Scouts who have completed their workbooks. At that time the Pastor will check over the completed book and sign the application.

The completed application is then sent or delivered to the Pastoral Center in Braintree along with the fee. Medals will be mailed to the person who sends in the applications.

The medals then can be given to the boys at a religious ceremony at the church (i.e. Scout Sunday Mass). In addition the Cub Scouts can purchase their own purple religious knot patch and it can be given at an appropriate Cub Scout event.

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<p>Information about Pope Pius XII</p>	<p>Workbooks can be purchased at most Scout stores. They can also be ordered online from www.praypub.org.</p> <p>In the front of the book, there is an Application to “Begin working on the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem” which needs to be completed and signed by the Scout, Parent, Scoutmaster, and Pastor.</p> <p>Scouts cannot attend meetings for the religious emblem until this application is completed.</p> <p>When all the work is completed, the scout must attend a Board of Review made up of trained religious leaders, Scouts who have previously received the medal, and a priest.</p> <p>At this time the application will be taken from the book and a fee will be collected. The Scouts will receive their medals at the Scout Mass at the Cathedral in Boston (usually in May).</p> <p>Religious knots can be purchased separately and can be distributed at a Court of Honor at the Troop.</p>