

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 _____