



“Toward Faith & Hope Through Scouting”

Dear Religious Emblems Counselor,

Congratulations to all of you who have completed – or are nearing completion of – the religious emblems programs for Catholic Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers! Hopefully you have found the programs to be a positive experience for not only the scouts, but also for yourself.

So ... now we turn to the logistics of recognizing these very deserving youth!

Final date for submitting applications and payment is January 15, 2008!

COST OF MEDALS

Please submit **one** check **payable to Diocese of San Jose** to cover the cost of medals and recognition ceremony for all scouts completing programs. The cost for each scout is:

Light of Christ	\$15.50
Parvuli Dei	\$15.50
Ad Altare Dei	\$17.50
Pope Pius XII	\$18.00

APPLICATIONS

For scouts completing **Light of Christ** or **Parvuli Dei**:

1. Complete the application at the back of the program book.
 - Is all information *clearly* printed?
 - The scout’s name should be printed as it will appear in the recognition ceremony program booklet and on the certificate.
 - Have **all** required signatures been obtained?
2. Applications will not be returned. You may want to make copies.
3. Only the application page is submitted; Cub Scouts retain their program book.
4. Mail or deliver **applications and payment** together to me:

Ann Resch
1276 Cotterell Dr.
San Jose, CA 95121

5. ***If for any reason you cannot get apps and/or payment to me by January 15, PLEASE contact me!***

For scouts completing **Ad Altare Dei** or **Pope Pius XII**, applications and payment will be collected at the Board of Review.

- The date of the Board of Review is scheduled for **Monday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.**
- Please contact Patricia Cuadros at (408) 674-7823; patricia-c@usa.net if you are completing one of these programs. You will be informed of the Board of Review location and other details.

THE PRAYER SERVICE AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

All Catholic Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Brownies, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire youth who have completed a religious program will be recognized and receive their medals at the annual prayer service and recognition ceremony.

- **Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.**
- **Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph**
- **Monsignor Fran Cilia, Vicar General, will be presiding.**

Please inform the families of your scouts now of this important date! Counselors and families will receive more details closer to the ceremony date.

MORE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

1. Girl Scouts and Camp Fire youth completing any of the Catholic religious programs should be in contact with Susie Henderson, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Awards Chairwoman at (408) 287-4170, ext. 246; shenderson@girlscoutsofsc.org.
2. Catholic youth achieving the highest award for their organization in 2007 are also recognized at the recognition ceremony:
 - Boy Scout – Eagle Scout
 - Venture – Silver Award
 - Girl Scout – Gold Award
 - Camp Fire – Wohelo MedallionIf you know youth who should be recognized, please send me their information by January 15: name, address, phone #, scout unit, and parish.
3. Is your Pack, Troop or Crew Catholic-chartered? You may qualify for the Pope Paul VI National Unit Award! Check the requirements at www.nccs-bsa.org. If you qualify, please send me the completed application and payment (payable to NCCS) for patches by January 15.
4. Are any of your scouts interested in being a part of the Recognition Ceremony choir? Please let me know; I'll give you more details. All voices are welcome!
5. Do you know adults who deserve recognition for outstanding service to the development of spiritual growth in youth? You may wish to nominate that person for an adult award. Nominations are due by January 15. Selection of awardees is made by the nominating committee of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.
 - **Bronze Pelican** – a local recognition for Scouters giving outstanding service to Catholic youth in scouting. (www.cccsf.homestead.com; please send me the application)
 - **St. George** – a national recognition for Scouters and non-Scouters making significant and outstanding contributions to spiritual development of Catholic youth through scouting. (www.cccsf.homestead.com; please send me the application)
 - **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** and **St. Anne** awards – recognize outstanding adults for their work toward spiritual development of Catholic youth in girls' organizations. (Contact Susie Henderson; (408) 287-4170, ext. 246)

Hopefully this answers most of your questions about the 2008 Catholic Scouting Religious Recognition Ceremony. Please let me know if clarification is needed or if you have any other concerns.

Yours in Christ, Yours in Scouting,
Ann Resch, Chairman

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