

Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

Update for September 2011

Letter from the Chairman

Dear Scouter,

In a few weeks, the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will once again be offering a retreat for Scouts who are working on their Light of Christ or Parvuli Dei emblems. This retreat will be Saturday, October 8 at St. Aloysius parish in Springfield from 9 until Noon. Please RSVP for this retreat so I know how many people to plan for. Scouts should bring their own copy of the appropriate workbook for this event (Light of Christ for Tiger and Wolf Scouts; Parvuli Dei for Bear and Webelos). Cost is \$5.

Retention and recruiting are the big issues in Scouting right now. Please let folks in your parishes know about the value of Scouting and how Scout units help build parish life! If anyone needs help supporting leaders in your area, please let me know. I would like to see more Catholic Scout groups active in the diocese!

In Christ,

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Catholic Identity Patch Series for GSUSA and Campfire USA

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry has recently added two new series of patches for Girl Scouts USA and Campfire USA. One series is dedicated to women in Scripture, starting with Sarah, the wife of Abraham. The other series is called Models of Faith and the first Saint available is St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Patches can be ordered directly from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry's [on-line store](#).

Anniversary of Scout Law

Dear Catholic Scouters,

Did you know that 2011 is the centennial of the BSA Scout Law? Are you looking for an interesting and meaningful activity for your Scouts this fall? Look no further. Attached you can find a description of the Centennial of the Scout Law Activity and Patch program that was developed for the Archdiocese of Seattle, plus a sample page of 6 of the 24 Scout Law cards that are part of the activity. A Leader's Guide is also included.

As far as I know, no one else is marking the passage of this anniversary, so I thought it would be a good idea to bring it to the attention of our Scouts--and to share it with those who were interested.

The basic idea is to give the Scouts an awareness of the original nine-point British Scout Law and help them discover how various countries have adapted that original law to reflect their own goals and values. In preparing this activity, I have come to a new sense of pride and appreciation for our own Scout Law. It is my hope that a similar growth in appreciation will result for the youth. Please share this with others who may be interested.

Sincerely,

Julia M. Fogassy

Seattle Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting Chair

Scout Retreat

The next Scout retreat will be held on Saturday, October 8 at St. Aloysius, Springfield from 9:00 to Noon. Please RSVP by October 5, (217) 698-8500 x. 154, or reply to this email.

2012 Scout Mass ~ April 28

Upon the recommendation of our bishop and after discussing this at the last committee meeting, we are moving our annual Scout Mass to be held in conjunction with the Abraham Lincoln Council's Lincoln Pilgrimage that is held in Springfield in April every year. Tentatively, this means that the Mass will be held Saturday evening at a time that will allow participants in the pilgrimage to come to the Mass as well. I will be working with the Scout leaders from that

council to coordinate activities as best we can. Location to be announced soon! I have a request in to Bishop Paprocki to celebrate that Mass. Please feel free to contact him asking him to accept that invitation.

Changes to Bronze Pelican

Revisions are being made to the application and application process for the Bronze Pelican award for BSA leaders. Specifically, the award criteria will be more clearly defined in such a way that successful applications will document clear, direct leadership in providing Catholic content to a Scouting program. More information is also needed about the person(s) who are making the nomination. A draft copy of the new award application will be presented at the August meeting of the committee for review and approval.

Fee Schedule for Unit Awards

With more units earning the National Catholic Quality Unit Award, it has become necessary to define what the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will provide and what the local unit should pay for. Any unit earning a national award will receive the unit award and flag streamer compliments of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. If individual patches are requested for members of the unit to commemorate the award, it will be the responsibility of that unit to purchase these through the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. Adult awards will continue to be paid for by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.

National Catholic Committee on Scouting Meeting

The next meeting of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting will be the Biennial meeting for the organization and will be in Irving, Texas on April 19 – 22, 2012.

Update to Ad Altare Dei

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting is working on updating some of their material such as the AAD participant manual. The updates should be in print by the end of July. As of this mailing, I have not received any new information about the updated program.

Fr. McGiveny Patch

The Knights of Columbus have approved the Fr. McGiveny patch that will be used for the soon to be released McGiveny requirements. Stay tuned for details!

Calendar

October 8	Scout Retreat, St. Aloysius, Springfield, 9:00 AM - Noon
October 30	DCCS meeting, Ss. Peter & Paul, Collinsville, 2 – 4 PM
November 5	University of Scouting for Abraham Lincoln Council, Springfield

February 26, 2012 DCCS meeting, with Counselor Training following, location TBA

April 22, 2012 DCCS meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, Springfield, 2 – 4 PM

April 28, 2012 Annual Scout Mass, time and location TBA