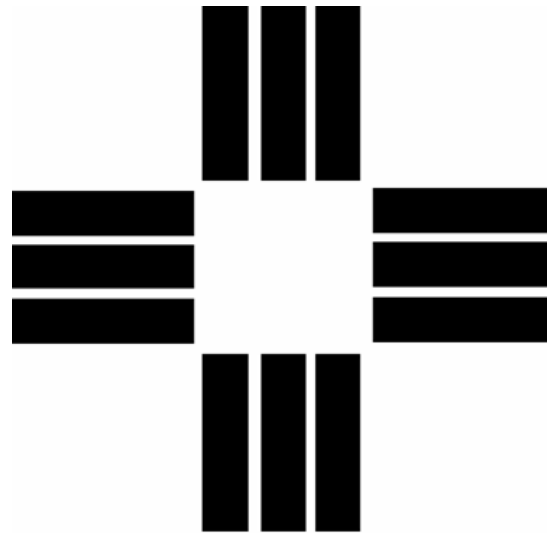


A Scout is Reverent



*Catholic Committee on Scouting
Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon*

Catholic Religious Emblem Information Guide

Portland, Oregon



Summer 2011

Dear Camp Chaplains, Camp Program Directors & Volunteers,

On behalf of the Catholic Committee on Scouting we begin by thanking you for your service to our youth in the scout program. The Scout Oath and Law offer our youth values and principles for the rest of their life.

The Catholic Religious Emblems have been part of the Scout program for most of the BSA's history. The four emblems *Light of Christ*, *Parvuli Dei*, *Ad Altari Dei* and *Pope Pius XII* offer an opportunity for each scout to deepen their understanding of their Catholic faith and practice the twelfth point of the scout law, "A Scout is Reverent."

The attached information will serve as a resource for your work this summer in answering questions about the emblems and direct the youth and leaders to the appropriate program. In addition the Archdiocese of Portland recognizes in a special way those scouts who complete all four religious emblems with the Frank Parater Award. One of the significant developments in the Parater story, included in this guide, is his work as a camp director. Like you he saw the significant moment each summer camp offers our youth to be "physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

Again thank you for your service and we pray that this summer will bring many blessings on your work in addition to many joyful memories.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting

LIGHT OF CHRIST



Light of Christ: For Tiger or Wolf Cub Scouts of Catholic Faith. **The requirements must be completed and application submitted to the Archdiocese before starting the third grade.** The purpose is to help the Cub develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With the parents' active assistance and participation in this program, it is hoped that the Cub will come to see Jesus as a real person and his friend.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/LightOfChrist.php>

PARVULI DEI



Parvuli Dei: For Bears or Webelos of Catholic faith. **The requirements must be completed and application submitted to the Archdiocese before starting the fifth grade or crossing over to Boy Scouts.** The purpose of the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) emblem is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the community.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/ParvuliDei.php>

AD ALTARE DEI



Ad Altari Dei: For Boy Scouts of Catholic faith designed for 13 and 14 year olds, have completed the 6th grade and a registered scout for 6 months **The requirements must be completed with the support of an approved counselor and submitted to the Archdiocese before the youth's 18th birthday.** The purpose of the Ad Altari Dei (to the altar of God) program is to help Catholic Boy Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments. The seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/AdAltareDei.php>

PIUS XII



Pius XII: For Boy Scouts or Venturers men and women age 16 to 18 years old, but all registered Venturers (**before their 21st birthday**) and all registered Boy Scouts (in high school, **before their 18th birthday**) are eligible.. **The requirements must be completed with the support of an approved counselor and submitted to the Archdiocese.** Pope Pius XII is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program. The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the church as callings from God. It includes youth lead discussions on current issues facing the church and society.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/PopePiusXII.php>

Roman Catholic Boy Scout Religious Emblems

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php>

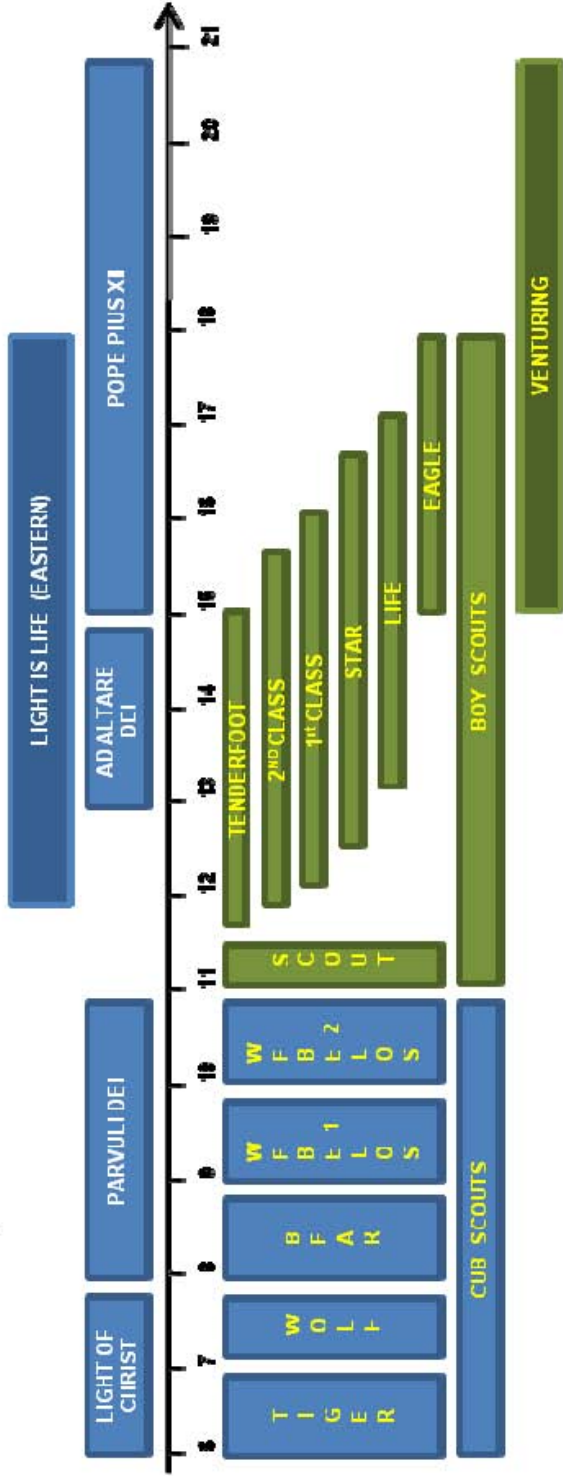


Scout Religious Emblems

Emblems are age and grade specific. Please make sure your youth is working on the appropriate emblem.

- Light of Christ** Designed for 6 to 7 year old Cubs or before entering the 3rd Grade
- Parvuli Dei** Designed for 8 to 10 year old Cubs and crosses over to Boy Scouts
- Ad Altari Dei** Designed for 13 to 14 year old Boy Scouts
- Pius XII** Designed for Venture Crew Members and Boy Scouts older than 15 years.

The Journey



Other Religious Activities

Rosary Series

The Rosary Series will focus on a different set of Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and an activity describing how to pray the rosary. This is an opportunity for the youth and adults alike to learn more about their faith. All youth and leaders are eligible to earn the patch.

There are 5 activities in all. They are the Joyful Mysteries, Luminous Mysteries, Sorrowful Mysteries, Glorious Mysteries and Pray the Rosary. A beautiful 5" diameter patch is available with each activity.



Footsteps of American Saints

This religious activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the Church calendar for the United States, some have the rank of "Saint" and are venerated by the Universal Church. Some have the rank of "Blessed" and are venerated by the Local Church. Some have the rank of "Venerable" and, while on the way to becoming a "Saint", may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in North America in what is now the United States. Some others never set foot in America, however they had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

The goal of this activity is to share the lives of several Saints so that the youth might relate to what these people have done and maybe look to these individuals as role models.



International Awareness Recognition

The International Catholic Conference of Scouting provides an opportunity for its members to meet together as friends in the Catholic Church. It links the Catholic Church and the Scouting Movement all over the world. It contributes to the complete education of young people through Scouting from the perspective of the Catholic faith. It develops and enhances the spiritual dimension of Scouting in the World Scout Movement.

The Pope appoints priests to work with the International Catholic Conference of Scouting as ecclesiastical assistants (chaplains). This recognition activity is an ongoing special project of the International Committee of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (USA). Proceeds will further the work of the International Catholic Conference of Scouting and help enable representation by NCCS chaplains at ICCS meetings and NCCS chaplain support at international scouting events.



Eligibility

All youths and adults can work on this activity and earn the patch. This activity can be worked on individually or as a group.

Activity Requirements

The youth and adults must perform the requirements for their grade level to complete this activity. Click on the program link above related to the grade level of the youth to see the detailed requirements.

Pin / Patch Program (Grades 1-5)

Medallion / Patch Program (Grades 6-8)

Medallion / Pin / Patch Program (Grades 9-12)

Medallion / Pin / Patch Program (Adults)

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/index.php>

Unit Recognition

Quality Unit—Pope Paul VI Award



About this Award

Cooperation, development, and program are the key words in the recognition of Catholic chartered units in earning the National Catholic Quality Unit Award - Pope Paul VI. The adult leadership responds to training not only in Scouting lores, but training in Catholic Scouter Development, and religious counseling. The Scouts in each Pack, Troop, Team, and Crew/Ship respond by participating in the religious emblems program respective of their status in Scouting

Does your unit qualify for the Pope Paul VI Award? Fill out the application and forwarded it to your local Catholic Committee on Scouting. Click on one of the links below.

Eligibility:

**Unit must be chartered by a Catholic institution (parish, Knights of Columbus).
The award criteria is for one calendar year.**

Completion of the Application

After completing the application, the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will review all the applications in their diocese to determine the if the unit meets the criteria for this award. TheCCOS will complete the Patch Order Form and mail it along with the applicable fee to the NCCS indicating the number of patches, banners and certificates required. The applications do not need to be forwarded when ordering the patches, banners and certificates.

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/ScoutUnits/CatholicQualityUnitAward.php>

Adult Recognition

Bronze Pelican



The Bronze Pelican is an award of the Archdiocese of Portland Catholic Committee on Scouting, not an official National Catholic Committee on Scouting® award. Therefore the National Catholic Committee on Scouting® does not recommend any requirements for this award. Nomination Forms must be submitted to the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee no later than December 1st to be considered for the calendar year. Bronze Pelicans are presented at the annual Recognition Mass. Forms may be found on the Archdiocesan Website.

St. George



The National Catholic Committee on Scouting®, acting through the local diocese or eparchy, may award the St. George emblem to members of the laity and clergy, Scouters and non-Scouters alike, who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through Scouting.

Nomination forms should give a detailed description of how the nominee provides outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through Scouting in the Catholic Church. It is improper to nominate oneself or one's spouse. The deadline is December 1st each year.

General Scouting achievements do not qualify a person to receive the St. George emblem. The Boy Scouts of America has district, council, regional and national awards for such recognition.

Nominations must be submitted by December 1st All nominations must be complete and include a written recommendation from the nominee's parish pastor, Forms are available at:

<http://www.archdpdx.org/scouts/>



Servant of God
Frank Parater
Seminarian, Student, Scout

October 10, 1897 – February 7, 1920

“Remember, the Sacred Heart never fails those who love him.”

Francis Joseph Parater was born into a devout Catholic family on October 10, 1897, in the city of Richmond, Virginia. His parents were Captain Francis Joseph Parater, Sr. and his second wife, Mary Raymond. Francis, Sr.'s first wife died as did several children she gave birth to by him.

Mary Raymond was raised as a devout Episcopalian and communicant at Saint John's Episcopal Church on Church Hill (where Patrick Henry made his famous speech). Since, at the time of her marriage, she agreed to raise any children born to them as Catholics, she decided she could do that best by becoming Catholic herself.

Frank was baptized at Saint Patrick's Church on Church Hill, the highest of Richmond's seven hills. He grew up in the context of his own close knit family and of the larger Catholic community in that Church Hill neighborhood at the time. Frank's father was a city employee who cared for the park across from their very modest home. He also took care of the garden at the Monastery of the Visitation located two blocks from their home. From their home Frank could easily walk to the monastery for daily Mass at which he served as an altar boy from the day of his first communion until he left Richmond for college. The Sisters of the Visitation, had an academy where at the time Frank's two sisters, Marie and Grace, were educated.

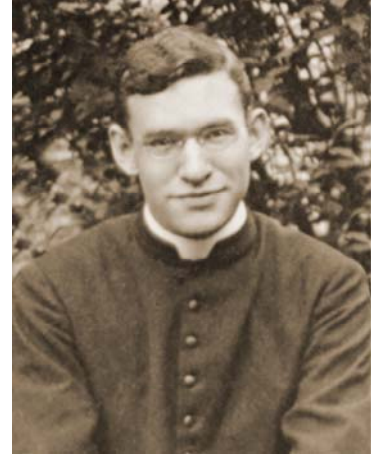


Frank was educated at the Xaverian Brother's School (currently Saint Patrick's School) and at Benedictine High School in Richmond. He graduated in 1917, top in his class and valedictorian. In his late teens, Frank became very active in the Boy Scouts of America. His involvement was so exemplary that he was asked to serve in roles of leadership even at his young age. A remarkable young man, Frank was known for his ideals and practical judgment. Although small in stature, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. At a time when the Catholic faith was not considered to be a social asset, Frank was well thought of by Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In fact, newspaper accounts note his achievements, his natural talents and his gifts of heart and mind. His vocational choice to study for the priesthood, his journey to Rome, his untimely death and his Last Will and Testament received coverage far beyond what one might expect for the times.

During the summers, while at Belmont Seminary College, he was active in the Knights of Columbus summer wartime activities for youth and was director of the summer camp for the Boy Scouts of America. The leaders of the Scouts saw such virtue and ideals in Frank that they wanted him to serve as a summer camp director supervising those who were his seniors. He was considered a "four-ply scout", exceptional in every way.

In the Fall of 1919, the Right Reverend Denis J. O'Connell, a former Rector of the North American College, and then Bishop of Richmond, sent him to study at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He arrived and was matriculated on November 25, 1919. He was popular among his peers, displayed a warm sense of humor and cheer to all and continued to deepen his spiritual life. In December he wrote an *Act of Oblation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* which was sealed and marked to be read only in the event of his death in Rome. Frank expressed his motivation in making his offering in this way:

"I have nothing to leave or to give but my life and this I have consecrated to the Sacred Heart to be used as He wills...This is what I live for and in case of death what I die for. ...Since my childhood, I have wanted to die for God and my neighbor. Shall I have this grace? I do not know, but if I go on living, I shall live for this same purpose; every action of my life here is offered to God for the spread and success of the Catholic Church in Virginia. ...I shall be of more service to my diocese in Heaven than I can ever be on earth."



In addition, he wrote an "Open Letter to the Scouts of Richmond" marked in a similar manner. The *Act of Oblation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* was not discovered until after his death on February 7, 1920, when a fellow seminarian, Frank Byrne, of the Diocese of Richmond went through his effects and found this testament.

In late January 1920, Frank came down with rheumatism that developed into rheumatic fever causing him tremendous suffering. He was taken to the hospital of the Blue Nuns on January 27. The spiritual director of the college, Father Mahoney, explained to Frank that his illness was grave and he administered the Last Rites to him. Frank wished to get out of bed and kneel on the floor to receive Holy Communion as Viaticum, but was prevented from doing so. With devotion and unafraid of death, he knelt on the bed and made his last communion. On February 6, Monsignor Charles A. O'Hern, rector of the college, offered the Mass of the Sacred Heart for Frank. Frank Parater died on February 7, 1920. He was buried in the College Mausoleum at Campo Verano. His *Act of Oblation* was discovered after his death. Two popes have asked for copies of it, and it has been published in English and in the *L'Osservatore Romano* in Italian.

In 1920, both city newspapers and the Bishop of Richmond, Most Reverend Denis J. O'Connell, D.D., praised the virtues of the deceased seminarian, the later holding him up as a model for seminarians. Decades later in the 1960's, a bishop of Richmond, who had been a fellow student with him, the Most Reverend John Joyce Russell, D.D., named a summer camp for Frank Parater and procured various items from his family to be kept in the diocesan archives. The present Bishop of Richmond, the Most Reverend Walter F. Sullivan, D.D., having received authorization from the Holy See, has initiated the cause by establishing a Tribunal to examine the reputation for holiness of the Servant of God Frank Parater, Seminarian.

More Information: <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/parater/>

Frank Parater Award

The Archdiocese of Portland Catholic Committee on Scouting created in 2010 the ***Frank Parater Award*** honoring Servant of God Frank Parater, Seminarian, Student and Scout. The award recognizes those Scouts who earn all four Boy Scout Religious Emblems (Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altari Dei and Pius XII) and Girl Scouts or Campfire Girls who earn all four National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Emblems (Family of God, I live My Faith, The Marian Medal and Spirit Alive). All emblems must be recorded and verified by the Scout Chaplin's Office Archdiocese of Portland before the Parater Award is presented.

Duty To God

2011 Archdiocesan Committee on Catholic Scouting

The objectives of the committee are to maintain a strong partnership among the Catholic Church, the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of the USA, and the Campfire Boys and Girls of America; to train Catholic Scouters to be an active part of youth ministry and to promote the religious emblem programs of the Catholic Church.

The activities conducted by the committee include this recognition ceremony and emblem retreats for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers, coupled with the adult Catholic Scouter development program.

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Are you interested in becoming a Religious Emblem Counselor or a member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting? Applications and forms are available at our website:

<http://www.archdpdx.org/scouts/>

DEADLINE

All Religious Emblem Applications must be submitted by December 15th for recognition in the same calendar year.

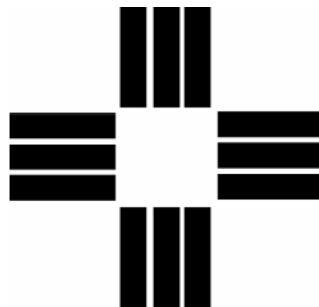
Application Deadline: December 15th

Application Fee: \$10.00

(make checks out to the Archdiocese of Portland)

Mail the original application with all signatures to:

Scout Chaplain
Archdiocese of Portland
2838 East Burnside St.
Portland, OR 97214-1895



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