



A SCOUT IS REVERENT

SCOUTING IS YOUTH MINISTRY

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BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS TRAINING

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois is conducting a training session for all those interested in facilitating the Ad Altare Dei program and the Pope Pius XII program. The training sessions will begin at 12:30 pm on March 14, 2009. We will be holding the training at the Cathedral of St. Peter in downtown Belleville. Please come to the basement of the Cathedral. (Entrance off of West Garfield Street). Only trained adults may facilitate those religious awards programs. We will discuss the Cub Scout level programs as well, but the general focus of this training will be the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII programs. Youth Protection Training

through the Boy Scouts of America, and Youth Protection Training through the Diocese of Belleville are also required of all program facilitators. Those are separate programs and will not be available at this session. The Youth Protection Training for the Boy Scouts of America is available as an on-line program through the national web-site. Youth Protection Training for the Diocese of Belleville, IL consists of two phases; the initial training is an "in-person" training session and there is an annual update available on-line. Please see the web-site of the Diocese at

<http://www.diobelle.org> for additional information or contact Lynn Muscarello at

618-212-0050 ext. 104 for additional information on the dates and locations for a Diocesan Youth Protection Training program in your area.



The Ad Altare Dei Medal (left) & Pope Pius XII Medal (right)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

- DAY OF RECOLLECTION
APRIL 4, 2009

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN !!!

Included in this edition of our newsletter is a flyer for the Day of Recollection. This is a non-sectarian, one-day retreat designed for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Daisies, Brownies and young Girl Scouts. The program is currently conducted at three locations in the Diocese, but may expand to additional locations in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

Please help us by providing the appropriate contact information for your unit.

Please e-mail the Committee's Secretary Jean Mackie or the Communications Chairperson

Dr. Cindy Doil at Cynthia.Doil@scott.af.mil with your Unit's contact Information as soon as possible.

THANK YOU !!!

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting would like to express its deep gratitude to Council 1028 of the Knights of Columbus for its generous donations over the last year without which the awards and programs for the Catholic Scouts of Southern Illinois would not be possible. Thank you very much for your continued support !

AN OPEN INVITATION TO YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

Calling all recipients of the Pope Pius XII Award, the Marian Award (Mary, the first disciple) and Spirit Alive Awards ! The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is very proud of you for your hard work and your demonstrated dedication to your faith.

The Committee would like to encourage the recipients of the advanced religious

awards programs of scouting to continue their faith journey within their scouting experience both as a means of putting their study into action, and as a means of continuing the vocational discernment process in their lives.

Please consider an auxiliary membership on the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting ! (continued on p. 4)



Awards Ceremony
February 21,
2010
1:00 pm
At the Cathedral
in Belleville

GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS

We would like to encourage all Troop leaders and assistants to consider making the religious emblems programs a part of the scouting experience for the girls of southern Illinois. The recognition of the role of the Spirit of God in one's life has been a part of the Girl Scout movement from the time it began. There is a religious

emblem program for every level of participation in the Girl Scouts of the USA. There are also adult recognitions available. Please recognize the hard working leaders who are actively bringing Catholic Scouting to the girls by nominating them for one of the two adult recognitions. Visit the website of the National Catho-

lic Committee for Girl Scouts USA and Camp Fire USA at: <http://www.nccgscf.org> for more information, or contact the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting through the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministries, Colette Kennett at: ckennett@diobelle.org

Please e-mail the Committee's Secretary Jean Mackie (mackemom@hotmail.com) or the Communications Chairperson Dr. Cindy Doil (cynthia.Doil@scott.af.mil) With your Unit's contact Information as soon as possible. Thank you for your help !

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting offers a special Prayer Trail patch through the Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville. The trail is a walking trail encircling the Shrine and is appropriate for Cub Scout and Brownie age through adult. A form must be completed at the visitor's desk before beginning the trail. Patches can be picked up (upon proper payment) at the visitor's desk upon completion. Visit our web-site for additional information.



It's time to schedule your Catholic Scouting Religious Awards Programs !

It is time to set the calendar for your programs so that your Scouts and Scout Leaders have plenty of time to prepare, and to avoid conflicts that might limit participation.

Be Prepared !

A Message for Parishes and Religious Organizations

This issue of our newsletter is being sent to the parishes and other Catholic organizations of the Diocese of Belleville. If your parish or organization has a Girl Scout or Boy Scout Troop affiliated with it, please share this newsletter with the appropriate Leader(s).

If your organization, or your parish does not currently have a scouting program, we would like to help you. Part of the mission of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is to aid in the chartering of new Catholic scouting units. These units consist of Troop for Girl Scouts of USA, Boy Scouts of America and Camp Fire programs. The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting promotes the Catholic religious emblems programs of those organizations by hosting various functions for scouts throughout the year and by conducting workshops, retreats, and ceremonies for

the scouts. The Committee also conducts various training programs for Leaders, and has been actively involved in training scouts to be Chaplain Aides. The Committee also acts as a referral source for those non-Catholic scouts interested in exploring the role of Jesus Christ in their life.

There are many benefits to chartering a scouting unit in your parish or through its related faith based organizations. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss the benefits of Catholic scouting to your parish, to the Catholic Church and to your local community and to discuss any concerns you may have.

Please call the Chairman, Tim DeRousse at

618-541-8030 or e-mail Mark Pluff at jmp5951@htc.net



We are on the Web !!!

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AN OPEN INVITATION TO YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

(continued from page 2)...

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is a way to continue to celebrate the connection of the Spirit with your personal scouting experience and to share that insight with your fellow scouts. The Committee does not ask for a huge time commitment and it costs nothing to belong. You will choose the areas of committee work that most interests you. We are fully aware of the time constraints of a busy high school and college schedule and are grateful for the time

you decide to contribute. Many of the scouts already part of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting have lately been working as part of a subcommittee on retreats. They are working on new ideas to provide fun and engaging outings for girls and boys of all ages. Who better to know what a fun youth program is than YOU ?! Subcommittee meetings meet at various times and locations depending upon the needs of the subcommittee. Please help the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and

your fellow scouts to live up to the idea that is the foundation of all scouting: "A scout is Reverent" ! There are several ways to join:

- e-mail the Committee's membership Chair, Mr. Mark Pluff at jmp5951@htc.net,
- contact the Committee Chairperson, Tim DeRousse at 618-541-8030 or at greenshirtim@yahoo.com,
- contact the Retreats subcommittee Co-chair, Mr. Jim Law at shecarlaw@juno.com

Or come to a meeting ! (see page 1)

SPECIAL NOTE:

Have you read *The Bridge*? This is the publication of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. It contains a wide variety of useful information and is available on the website of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Please contact Mr. DeRousse if you would like further information.