



FAQs on the Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Boy Scout Religious Emblems Programs



Are there any specific procedures that must be followed to begin these programs?

Yes, you must notify your diocesan Catholic Committee, Office of Religious Education, or the diocesan office of youth ministry before you begin. Each diocese administers the program separately and in order to receive the Religious Emblems, you must follow their guidelines. Only an authorized purchaser may purchase Religious Emblems for your diocese.

Can I photocopy the workbooks?

No, the workbooks are copyrighted. A workbook should be purchased for each participant.

What age/grade corresponds to each workbook?

Light of Christ: A registered Tiger or Wolf Cub Scout and must complete the program before starting the third grade

Par Vuli Dei: A registered Bear or Webelo Scout and have completed the second grade

Ad Altare Dei: Designed for 13 and 14 year olds.

Pope Pius XII: Designed for ages 16-20, including females in the Venture Program

How long does it take to complete a workbook? On average it takes:

The Light of Christ program is designed to be completed in 45-90 days

The Par Vuli Dei program is designed to be completed in 45-90 days

The Ad Altare Dei program is designed to be completed in 6 to 8 months

The Pope Pius XII program is designed to be completed in 6 to 8 months

How much are the books?

Current costs can be found in the Religious Emblems Handbook or by contacting the Office of Religious Education

Does the workbook come with a leader's guide?

No, the Light of Christ and Par Vuli Dei do not have a leaders guide. The Ad Altare Dei has a counselors guide and the Pope Pius XII has a facilitators manual; these books must be purchased separately.

I have old copies of the program workbooks; can I continue to use them?

No, the old workbooks have been out of print for some time, only the new workbooks can be used.

How do I order the workbooks? Please contact Jennifer McClintock at 860-243-9465 Ext. 2675 jmclintock@adh-ore.org

How do I purchase the Religious Emblems?

Only authorized diocesan purchasers are allowed to purchase the Religious Emblems. They will be ordered through the Office of Religious Education once the application and fee for the emblem has been received and processed

Where do I send the emblem application forms?

The Religious Emblem application forms are to be completed by the youth and adult counselor and parish representative. Applications from completed activity books must be filled out and turned in along with the fee to Jennifer McClintock at the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Religious Education prior to March 15 to qualify. The emblem is presented at the Archdiocesan ceremony. It would also be appropriate to have the scout recognized at a pack or troop, or venture crew meeting and at the parish level after receiving the medal at the Cathedral; this will encourage others to work on their religious emblems programs.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS FOR ADULTS

Bronze Pelican: *This is an Archdiocesan emblem approved by the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting to honor adults who have made a significant contribution to Scouting.*

Saint George Emblem: *This is a national recognition approved by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. It is presented to any adult who is working in the Scout program and has made a significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationships.*

These awards are earned by a person being nominated for outstanding service to Catholic Youth. Nomination forms and eligibility requirements can be obtained from your District Catholic Committee representative, or the Office of Religious Education, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002, (860) 243-9465.

The emblems are presented the first Sunday in November annually at an adult dinner banquet. To purchase tickets for this event, fill out the registration form in the Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Scouting handbook and mail it in or contact the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Religious Education.

Pope Paul VI Unit Award: *The purpose of this program is to recognize the Chartered Partner and to help motivate and improve the effectiveness of the individual unit and its adult leadership and to provide top-quality programming which encompasses the religious, vocational and educational aspects of Scouting under Catholic auspices.*

Each unit of a chartered partner may earn this recognition on its own merit for a particular calendar year and may re-earn it for succeeding years providing the yearly requirements are met. The award is presented annually on Scout Presentation Sunday at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford in April. For applications, contact the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Religious Education at (860) 243-9465, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002

For further details regarding the Religious Emblems programs, feel free to contact any of the following:

- **Your parish**
- **Your Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Boy Scout committee**
- **Jennifer McClintock at the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Religious Education, 860-243-9465 Ext. 2675 or jmclintock@adh-ore.org**