



# *Catholic Committee on Scouting*

## *Archdiocese of Atlanta*

*2005-2006 Information and Emblem Procedures*



The Catholic Committee on scouting provides support to parishes to help Catholic youth participate in Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs as a youth ministry. The Catholic Committee on scouting also offers programs, religious medals and awards for Catholic scouts to grow in their Catholic faith and the ideals of scouting.

The information below should help Clergy, parish youth ministers, and scout leaders participate in these programs. Contact information, dates, award descriptions, and requirements are included.

All counselors and facilitators should be approved by their parish and either the Boy Scouts or Girls Scouts. Every counselor must complete the required Youth Protection, background checks, and appropriate training from their Parish and scouting.

If a parish wishes to sponsor a scout unit they should contact our Membership Chair, Thomas Pakurar for the Boy Scouts or Shirlee Weiner for the Girl Scouts.

### **Contact Information:**

<http://www.aaccos.org/>

Committee Chairman                      Ed Rousselot                                      770-998-4760

Cub Scout Emblems Chair                      Tommy Treat                                      770-973-2007  
3372 Corral Drive  
Marietta GA 30066  
[treatt@bellsouth.net](mailto:treatt@bellsouth.net)

Boy Scout Emblems Chair                      Elvira McClain                                      770-457-0626  
2563 Mural Drive  
Chamblee GA 30341

OR

Tommy Treat                                      770-973-2007  
3372 Corral Drive  
Marietta GA 30066  
[treatt@bellsouth.net](mailto:treatt@bellsouth.net)

Boy Scout Membership Chair                      Thomas Pakurar                                      770-326-6187  
3937 Centennial Trail  
Duluth, GA 30096  
[tpakurar@troop827.org](mailto:tpakurar@troop827.org)

Girl Scout Chair Shirlee Wiener 404-527-7502

Girl Scout Emblems Chair Elvira McClain 770-457-0626

Chaplain: Fr Michael Kingery 706-629-2345  
St. Clement's Catholic Church  
875 Hwy 53 SW  
Calhoun GA 30701  
[FrMike@StClementGA.org](mailto:FrMike@StClementGA.org)

**Calendar:** <http://www.aaccos.org>

**Archdiocese  
Committee Meetings**

- September 10, 2005 1:00pm - Location [All Saints Scout Hut](#)  
*Check website for quarterly meeting times & location*  
All Saints Scout Hut  
2443 Mount Vernon Road  
Dunwoody, Georgia 30338

**NEGA  
Committee Meeting**

- August 6, 2005 10:00am - Location [St. Lawrence](#)
- Contact [Bill Lakin](#)

**AAD & Pius counselor  
training**

- Aug. 13, 2005 - Location [All Saints Scout Hut](#) - Contact [David Joyce](#)

**Boy Scout (AAD) Retreat  
"A Day of the Eucharist"**

- August 27, 2005 - Location Scoutland - Contact [Mary Ellen Yeomans](#)

**Girl Scout Retreat**

- Oct. 22, 2005- Transfiguration - Contact Debbie Varn (770) 565-1981

**Cub Scout Day of  
Reflection**

- Oct. 7-9, 2005 - BASR - "Brotherhood Trail"

**Pope Pius XII Retreat**

- TBA Date - Time - Location - Contact information

**Scouting in the Catholic  
Church**

- Aug. 7-13, 2005 - Philmont Scout Reservation, NM - [More information](#)

**World Youth Day**

- August 16-21, 2005 - Cologne, Germany

**AAC Duty to God  
Encampment**

- October 7-9, 2005 - Bert Adams Scout Reservation

**Emblems Board of Review**

- March 18, 2006 9:00am - Location TBA

**NCCS Biennial Conference**

- April 25-29, 2006 - Location Reno, NV

**Youth Recognition Ceremony**

- May 6, 2006 3:00pm - Location TBA

**Adult Recognition Ceremony**

- May 6, 2006 3:00pm - Location TBA

**Bishop's Dinner on Scouting**

- May 6, 2006 6:00pm - Location TBA

**Award Descriptions and Requirements:**

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

All the Catholic scouting programs assume the boys and girls are registered and active in their parish communities. They should participate in Parish religious education programs or attend Catholic schools.

Presentation of the Marian, The Spirit Alive, Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius awards takes place at the Annual Scouting Mass. All recipients are strongly encouraged to attend. Younger scouts who have received medals are also recognized as a group at the Scouting Mass.

**All counselors for all award programs must be approved by their pastors.**

**Make all checks payable to Catholic Scouting Committee:**

Please contact Emblem Chairs when you begin to work with scouts in a class so medals can be ordered. It takes approximately six weeks to process all applications. Plan parish presentation dates accordingly.

Additional training and board dates are possible. Contact committee chair or Emblem chairs with questions.

**Cub Scout Awards**

**Light of Christ**

The Light of Christ award is designed for younger Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts. Parents may purchase the "Light of Christ" books at the scout shop and work on the program with the scouts. The program calls for parents to work with their scouts on the requirements. Parents may write answers in books if absolutely necessary, but the words should be the exact words of the Cub Scout with no editing or additions. After the program is complete the Cub Scout meets with a Parish priest to review the scout's progress and sign his book.

After the application is complete send the completed application and \$5.00 to the Emblems chairperson, Tommy Treat (3372 Corral Drive NE Marietta GA 30066 -phone 770-973-2007). The application must have all required signatures.

Emblems should be presented at a scout's home parish and at Pack court of honor.

### **Parvuli Dei**

The Parvuli Dei is designed for older cub scouts, Bear and Webelo scouts. This award is also completed with a scout's parents and is then sent to the emblems chair. "The Parvuli, Dei" book is also available at the scout shop. The application and \$5.00 fee should be sent to Emblems chair after completion as described for Light of Christ above.

### **Boy Scout Awards**

The Boy Scout award programs must be complete in a class setting with a counselor. All AAD and Pius counselors **must** complete training and scouter development.

If you desire to begin an AAD or Pope Pius class then contact the Committee Chair, Ed Rousselot 770-998-4760 to schedule training.

### **Ad Altare Dei**

The Ad Altare Dei emblem program (*boys grades 7—12*) assists Boy Scouts to develop a fully Christian way of life in their faith communities. The program is organized in steps based on the seven sacraments. These sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth. The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei program is to help equip the scout to take his place in the world as a maturing Catholic. The requirements center on the Sacraments and concern themselves with action and knowledge. The scout is to live, and apply to his daily life, the teachings of the Church. It will become evident to the scout as he progresses through the program that there is a close connection between his life as a scout and his life as a Catholic. To really and truly earn and wear the medal, the scout will live up to every aspect of the Scouting Spirit. The program takes about 15 to 20 classes to complete /for most scouts. Plan to take 6-8 months for the program. Upon completion of the program scouts attend a Board of Review. The AAD is presented at the Archdiocese Scouting Mass in Spring.

### **Pope Pius XII**

Pope Pius XII religious emblems program is for *boys and girls (ages 16 – 20)* who have started the ninth grade and who are not yet 21 years of age. Catholic Scouting's Pope Pius XII religious emblem program deals with church-related ministries and vocations: these are the ways baptized persons commit themselves to serve humanity in obedience to God's call within our Catholic church, a Christian community of faith. This program is presented in a series of five units, each containing an introduction; key words and phrases; presentation; dialogue; present commitment; and future involvement. This presentation is a logical conclusion of the Ad Altare Dei program and fitting prelude to Scouter Development whereby future involvement as a mature adult in Scouting and in church-related activities may be achieved. This award is complete in a group and challenges the teen to consider their call from God. This program is also extensive and requires several months to complete.

### **Girl Scout Awards**

The Girl Scout Religious Emblems program has been created with the approval of the Girl Scout, USA and Camp Fire Girls, Inc. to call the girls to faith and a belief in God. The program calls girls to grow in their Catholic faith and personal commitment to Christ in the scouting program. The

program should be run by a qualified facilitator, who may be a parent or parish catechist.

Books for Girl Scout religious programs may be purchased at the Girl Scout Badge and Sash store (1577 Northeast Expressway Access road, N.E.).

### **Family of God**

This program is an activity-based program for girls in the 2nd and 3rd grade. It calls girls to recognize and discover the presence of God in their day-to-day lives. Each activity and chapter calls the girl to see God in her own family as well as the family of God.

The program generally takes 3 to 4 months for completion. After completion of program, the application with all required signatures is sent with \$5.00 to Girl Scout Emblems Chair, Elvira McClain, 2563 Mural Drive Chamblee GA 30341 phone (770-457-0626). Most girls are presented the medals in their home parish at a Sunday Mass.

### **I live My Faith**

This program calls girls to live their Catholic faith who are in the 4th and 5th grade. "I live my Faith" is organized in project units that call girls to grow and mature as Catholics.

The program generally takes about 4 to 6 months for completion. After completion of program, the application with all required signatures is sent with \$5.00 to Girl Scout Emblems Chair, Elvira McClain 2563 Mural Drive Chamblee GA 30341 phone (770-457-0626). Most girls are presented the medals in their home parish at a Sunday Mass.

### **Marian**

This program calls girls to live their Catholic faith who are in the 7th, 8th and 9th grade. The program is written to enable girls to "Proclaim the greatness of the Lord" with activities involving them to an understanding of Mary as the model of openness and spiritually – woman of the Church. The program allows girls to grow in an understanding of her Catholic faith and its rich traditions.

All completion of the Marian program all girls must attend a Board of Review with the Catholic Scouting committee. Girls should bring their workbook, completed application, evaluation and \$5.00 fee to the Board of Review. Call Mrs. McClain with questions (770-457-0626).

### **The Spirit Alive**

This program calls girls to live their Catholic faith who are in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. The program calls the older girls to better understand the Holy Spirit in their lives and where the Spirit calls them in their lives. Girls are called to consider their call and vocation in the church and opportunities for ministry.

AU completion of "The Spirit Alive" program all girls must attend a Board of Review with the Catholic Scouting committee. Girls should bring their workbook, completed application, evaluation and \$5.00 fee to the Board of Review. Call Mrs. McClain with questions (770-457-0626).

## **START YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY TODAY**

*"I strongly recommend the highly developed, proven program of Scouting under Catholic Leadership. Scouting provides adult role models as well as companionship for young people."*

Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger

### **Catholic Cub, Boy, and Venture Scout Units:**

Catholic Scout Units are coordinated under the Membership Chair of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. If a Parish would like to begin a Cub Scout or Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew, then complete the attached form, "New Unit Request", and contact Thomas Pakurar, Membership Chair, or the Boy Scout Council Office in your area.

All scout units sponsored by a Parish, Parish Organization, or the Knights of Columbus should complete the "Scout Unit Information" form and send it to our Membership Chairman, Thomas Pakurar, as soon as possible.

### **Catholic Daisy, Brownie and Girl Scout Units**

Catholic Girl Scout Units are coordinated under the Vice Chair for Girl Scouts of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, Debbie Varn. If a parish or school would like to begin a new Troop, then complete the attached form, "New Unit Request", and contact either Debbie Varn or the Girl Scout Office in your area.

All scout units sponsored by a Parish or school should complete the "Scout Unit Information" form and send it to our Vice Chairman for Girl Scouts, Debbie Varn, as soon as possible.

## New Unit Request

# *Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta*

## *Committee on Scouting*

If your Parish would like to start a new Scouting Unit, then please complete this form and mail to our Membership Chairman, Thomas Pakurar.

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete information and mail to:

Thomas Pakurar  
3937 Centennial Trail  
Duluth, GA 30096

Annual Scout Unit Census

**Archdiocese of Atlanta**  
**Catholic Committee on Scouting**  
Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venture Crew Information  
**Please complete by November 30, 2005**

Unit Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Boy Scout Council/District \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Registered Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Registered Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Youth who have earned their religious award \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered Organization Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

List **ALL** Emblem Counselors \_\_\_\_\_

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| 1. Have Scouts in your unit earned Catholic Religious Emblems in the past year?                       | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 2. Are there scouts presently working on Catholic Religious Emblems?                                  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 3. Do you need assistance or more information on any of the Religious Emblem programs?                | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 4. Do you (have/need assistance finding) a Religious Emblem Counselor?                                | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 5. Are you aware of adult awards by nomination?   | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 6. Are you aware of the Bishop's Trophy Award sponsored by the AACCOS?                                | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 7. Would you like more information regarding the Atlanta Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting? | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |

If you are a Leader for more than one troop, pack, or crew; please complete a separate form for each unit.

Mail completed form to: Thomas A. Pakurar, Jr.  
3937 Centennial Trail  
Duluth, GA 30096-6213

Annual Scout Unit Census

**Archdiocese of Atlanta**  
**Catholic Committee on Scouting**  
Daisy, Brownie, Junior Cadet or Senior Information  
**Please complete by November 30, 2005**

Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_ Level of Scouting \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Scout Council/Area \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Troop Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Registered Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Registered Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Youth who have earned their religious award \_\_\_\_\_

Service Unit Director \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

List **ALL** Emblem Counselors \_\_\_\_\_  
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|---|------------|-----------|
| 1. Have Scouts in your troop earned Catholic Religious Emblems in the past year?                      | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 2. Are there Scouts presently working on Catholic Religious Emblems?                                  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 3. Do you need assistance or more information on any of the Religious Emblem programs?                | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 4. Do you have (have/need assistance finding) a Religious Emblem Counselor?                           | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 5. Are you aware of adult Religious Awards by nomination?   | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 6. Are you aware of the Bishop's Trophy Award sponsored by the AACCOS?                                | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 7. Would you like more information regarding the Atlanta Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting? | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |

If you are a Leader for more than one troop, please complete a separate form for each troop.

Mail completed form to: Debbie Varn  
2638 Shadow Woods Circle  
Marietta, GA 30062-2571