

Atlanta Archdiocesan
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Thank You, Thank You Thank You

The Atlanta Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people who have either stepped down from the Committee as a Chairman, changed positions during 2007 or joined the Committee as a new Chairman. First we would like to thank both Gary LaPointe, Cub/Boy Scout Emblems Chairman, and Kelley Bishop Lennard, Membership Chairman, who have resigned due to family obligations. David Joyce, Vice Chairman and Training Chairman, has resigned and moved to Hinesville, Georgia due to a change in employment. David, you have sent forth many trained Counselors to work with the youth of the Archdiocese and we are forever grateful.

In addition to the above mentioned people, Tommy Treat, Committee Chairman, has changed positions and is now the new Cub/Boy Scout Emblems Chairman. Under Tommy's leadership, the Atlanta Archdiocese achieved Quality Diocese status again in 2006 for the fourth time in a row. Thank you Tommy for all you do for the youth of the Archdiocese.

We would also like to extend a welcome to Tom Bender as our new Committee Chairman, Deacon Tom Gotschall our new Training Chairman and Bill Leach our new Membership Chairman. Thank you to all of the above mentioned Committee members for your strong leadership and all that you have done and will continue to do for Catholic Scouting and the youth in this Archdiocese.

2008 Archdiocesan Scout Mass Set

The 2008 Archdiocesan Scout Mass is scheduled for May 3, 2008, at 2 P.M. at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church with Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory. At that time all Boy Scouts will receive both the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Awards along with the Girl Scouts receiving the Marian Award and The Spirit Alive Award. In addition to the individual awards for the youth, Units/Troops will be recognized as well as adults within the Archdiocese. The applications for both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout Bishop's Trophy, all Unit awards and adult awards will be distributed in January with a return due date of March 1, 2008.

Rosary Patch

The Rosary Patch Series, which was due to end June 30, 2007, has been extended indefinitely. All four Mysteries of the Rosary (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious) have now been introduced. The requirements may be downloaded from our website www.aaccos.org or from the NCCS website www.nccs-bsa.org. Some of the questions may require some research (biblical reference), however, the purpose of earning the patch is to further your understanding of the birth, ministry, passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each patch is \$4 and may be earned by Tigers, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts (Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors), Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Adults. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Ellen Yeomans at 770-977-2883.

New Rosary Patch Program

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting has initiated a new Rosary Patch Program, Pray the Rosary, for those who want to learn more about praying the Rosary and have completed the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. We will post the requirements on our website but in the meantime you can find them on the NCCS website—www.nccs-bsa.org. These patches will also be only \$4.00 each and can be ordered directly from the National Catholic Committee. The requirements are done by levels—1st thru 5th Grade; 6th Grade and up and Adults and are open to both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Girl Scout Millennium Patch Program

We, in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, have instituted a Girl Scout Millennium Patch program for Girl Scouts of all ages. The requirements are posted on our website www.aaccos.org or may be obtained from Mary Ellen Yeomans at 770-977-2883. Upon completion of the program, a request for patches should be sent to Mary Ellen Yeomans. The patches are \$1 each and may be earned by all levels of Girl Scouting including adults.

Girl Scout Alternate Medal Programs

The Archdiocese of Atlanta has instituted additional Religious Medal programs—Ave Maria for Brownies, Regina Coeli for Juniors and St. Agnes Award for Cadettes and Seniors. These new programs do **NOT** replace the original Religious Emblem programs (Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary, the First Disciple and The Spirit Alive). These new programs are in addition to the others and should only be used by girls who have completed their initial emblem program and are not ready to begin their next level program because of their level in scouting. Contact Mary Ellen Yeomans for more information.

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

(please check our website for additional information and updates)

<http://www.aaccos.org>

- January 26th** **AACCOS Quarterly Meeting and Annual Planning Meeting, All Saints Scout Hut, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM**
- March 1st** **All applications for Adult and Unit Awards and the Bishop's Trophy applications due to the AACCOS**
- March 15th** **Boards of Review for Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Marian Award and The Spirit Alive medals in NE GA Council, 9 AM, Place TBA**
- March 29th** **Final Boards of Review for Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, Marian Award and The Spirit Alive medals, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta, 9:00 AM**
- March 29th** **Quarterly Meeting immediately following Boards of Review, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church**
- May 3rd** **Archdiocesan Scout Mass, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Atlanta, 2:00 PM, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory Principal Celebrant**

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