

Dear Parent,

I would be happy to assist when you need it, however, I think you will be relieved to know how streamlined the process is. Some books are available at the Scout Store on East Ave. If the Scout Store does not have them, they are available at www.Praypub.org.

Let your parish Pastor know you are getting started. When you complete the book with your Scout; meet with your pastor to have them sign the document page at the end of the book. This is often preceded by a pleasant 5-10 minute chat - but there is no test, per se. This is referred to as a review where the sole purpose is to see if the Scout grew in their faith; had an enjoyable experience; has any suggested recommendations for the program.

In some parishes the pastor may designate someone besides himself to work with scouts interested in earning religious emblems.

Typically, the Cub Scout programs can be completed in 4-8 weeks, depending on how full the rest of your schedule is. It is a pleasant process and I think you will like how it relates to your existing Religious instruction curriculum.

Once completed, the scout should be presented their emblem at a church service by their pastor or their representative. Your Scout may wear the medal upon receipt, normally before he has received his square knot at a Pack meeting. After receiving the square knot the emblem is only worn at Blue & Gold & Boy Scout Court of awards. Your scout should be recognized at their next unit meeting and be given his religious emblems square knot for youth. If this is their second religious emblem earned the scout is entitled to wear the religious knot with two miniature devices (Cub Scout & Webelos), representing each emblem they earned.

All Faiths except Catholics:

Your pastor will inform you of where to send your completed forms if not specifically indicated in your books.

Catholics:

Upon getting the back page of the book signed, Contact the Diocese Office and submit you documentation page and a check for the religious medal. You will receive the medal in exchange for your check.

There is a youth recognition ceremony each year at the Cathedral. Each year I have been associated with it, the Bishop personally awards each Scout their medal. You bring the medal to the Church and they place it on a ribbon. The ribbon is handed to the Bishop and he re-presents the medal to your Scout. I believe this year's event is scheduled for February 12th.

Feel free to contact me if you have further questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Yours In Scouting,

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Scouting Program

◆ Boy Scouts

- Tiger / Wolf gr 1-2 (7-10 yrs)
Light of Christ
- Bear / Webelos gr 3-5 (8-10 yrs)
Parvuli Dei
- Boy Scout (6 grade, 11-18yrs)
Ad Altare Dei
- Boy Scout gr 9(15-18yrs)
Pope Pius XII
- Varsity Scout (14-18yrs of age)
- Explorer (14-20 yrs of age)
Pope Pius XII
- Venturer (14-20 yrs of age)
Pope Pius XII

Adult Recognitions

- Certificate
- Pelican Award
- St George Emblem

◆ Girl Scouts

- Brownies grades 2-3
Family of God
- Juniors grades 4-6
I Live My Faith
- Cadets grades 7-10
Mary, the First Disciple
(formerly Marian Award)
- Seniors 9-12
The Spirit Alive

Adult Recognition

- St. Anne Medal
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton award