



ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

Catholic Committee on Scouting & Camp Fire

ST. GEORGE EMBLEM

History

Observing the use and value of an emblem presented to adults for outstanding service to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Scouting program, the national Catholic Committee on Scouting and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America approved the St. George Emblem in 1955. St. George, who died a martyr in the year 303, was the patron saint of knighthood and of England. All Scouts and Scouters are familiar with the St. George flag. The principal order of knighthood in England was placed under the patronage of St. George. The feast day of St. George, April 23, was a national holiday and holy day of obligation for English Catholics for many years.

Early stories of St. George's knighthood describes his public witnessing of his faith, his arrest, brave suffering, and martyrdom. A later legend, which added a description of St. George as a knight who rescued the king's daughter in Libya, was probably responsible for much of the popularity given to St. George as a defender of virtue, even at the risk of life itself, and as a person who spent his own life in the service of others.



St. George is an appropriate patron saint for Scouting, whose ideals describe many of the virtues demanded of those who would be knights. Likewise, Scouts and Scouters are called upon to make a public commitment to their ideals. The St. George Emblem identifies and gives recognition to members of the laity and clergy, Scouters and non-Scouters alike, who have made a significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of youth in Scouting under Catholic auspices.

Purpose:

To recognize the recipient's outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of the Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Each Unit, Council and Parish may submit the name of a possible candidate for the reception of this emblem. A candidate may be submitted by the Scout Committee in his parish, by a group of individuals who are active in youth affairs, a registered Scouter in the parish, or by the pastor. Approval of the pastor must be acquired before application will be considered.

NOTE: Work accomplishment and dedication is the major criteria for receiving this award, although, a minimum of five years of service to youth and Scouting with three years in the diocese is required.

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting permits one emblem annually for each diocese plus one for every 20 Catholic chartered units or fractions thereof with emphasis on the importance of being selective, and that there be no feelings that the full quota must be used every year. No honorary recognitions are to be made. The recipients of the emblem are sought after and selected by an active committee of at least five members. This committee will be newly appointed annually by the diocesan chairman and chaplain at least 90 days before the date of the emblem presentation.

Recommendations should carefully detail how the nominee meets the guidelines for selection. The St. George Emblem recommendations are evaluated on the basis of the guidelines; however, they are indicative of some of the things that the Selection Committee should be looking for. This is not inclusive as there are many other areas that are considered.

RETURN NOMINATION FORM TO:

Archdiocese of Denver
Catholic Committee on Scouting & Camp Fire
c/o Jay Zolitor, Diocesan Chairman
2071 S. Gray Dr.
Lakewood, CO 80227

Using the guide-points below, describe the OUTSTANDING service the Nominee has given to the SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT of Catholic youths through the Scouting apostolate, in the Boy Scouts of America program, and in the community organizations, businesses, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, and other fields. Please use the Guide for Selection in listing those services pertinent, especially to Scouting under Catholic auspices. Please include pertinent dates to the best of your knowledge. **Please attach this in the form of a Recommendation Letter to the application.** Greatest emphasis should be placed on the first point below. Also, be reminded that this award seeks out the applicant! The applicant should not know they are being nominated nor should they seek this emblem.

RECORD OF NOMINEE:

- 1) Service to or positions held in the spiritual development of Catholic youths in the Scouting apostolate.**
- 2) Service to or positions held in the Boy Scouts of America.**
- 3) Service to or positions held in the parish, (arch) diocese/eparchy or both.**
- 4) Service to or positions held in other organizations (such as business, civic, religious, educational and fraternal).**

Guide for Selection

The following are some suggestions offered as a guide only; however, they are indicative of some of the things that would be considered in approving the nomination.

- A. Promote the religious emblems program for Catholic youth and serve as a counselor. Encourage non-Catholic youth to participate in the religious emblems program of their faith.
- B. Notable service in promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the church and willingness to serve on like committees.
- C. Active participation in the Scouter Development Program, Scout Retreats and Days of Recollection—instrumental in having others participate.
- D. Outstanding service in promoting and participating in Scout Sunday observance.
- E. Notable service in bringing Scouting to more youth under Catholic auspices.
- F. Assist parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting Scoutmasters and other key leaders.
- G. One who is fully trained in the skills of Scouting and outstanding for his/her sense of responsibility, humility, and good example.
- H. Responsible for Catholic youth being transported to mass at Camporees and Summer Camps and providing for spiritual needs of the non-Catholics within the group.
- I. Encourage the true spirit of ecumenism as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership within various Scouting units under Catholic auspices.
- J. Instrumental in organizing and assisting diocesan Together-We-Organize programs and promoting the full Scouting program in all parishes including multiple units where needed.
- K. Making significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic Relationships.
- L. Through the Catholic press and other communication media, create a better understanding of the aims and ideals of Scouting by clergy and laity.
- M. Give leadership in promoting Scouting for all youth regardless of race or creed and instrumental in organizing Scouting units in the inner city.

NOTE: Work accomplishments and dedication rather than specific number of years in Scouting should be the criteria for receiving this emblem.

ST. GEORGE EMBLEM APPLICATION

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DCCS Selection Committee Chairman

Date of Approval

DCCS Diocesan Committee Chairman

Date of Approval

DCCS Chaplain

Date of Approval

NOMINEE:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone No.: () _____ - _____ Work Phone No.: () _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parish: _____ City _____

Scout Unit: Pack Troop Crew Number _____

(CIRCLE ONE)

Unit Position or Relationship: _____

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone No.: () _____ - _____ Work Phone No.: () _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

PARISH PRIEST'S SIGNATURE:

Printed Name _____ Parish _____

Signature _____ Date _____

- - - Please Attach Supporting Recommendation Letter(s) - - -