

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH
St. John Bosco Youth Award
Requirements (Boy Scouts)

1. Attend twelve Sunday or Holy Day Masses (or Services) in complete Class “A” uniform. The uniform must be worn properly and exposed throughout the entire Mass (or Service) so that all present will notice how proud the Scout is of his uniform and his understanding of the link between aspects of the Scouting program and his Faith.
2. At each Mass (or Service) the Scout will concentrate on a different part of the Scout Law in sequence of its customary order. (Example: at the first Mass (or Service) he will concentrate on the first part of the Scout Law “A Scout is Trustworthy”; the second Mass (or Service) “A Scout is Loyal”, etc.) He will then discuss these subjects with his parent(s)/guardian(s). He will use the National Catholic Committee on Scouting’s version (shown below) of the Scout Law to assist him.

A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY—Character is what a man is. Reputation is what people think about him. A youth of character is worthy of trust. No one is worthy of trust who does not recognize his dignity and the dignity of all men as children of God.

A SCOUT IS LOYAL—Because our first loyalty is to God, a Scout is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due, including his parents, his Church and his country.

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL—Christ has told us that the good turns we do for others, He will consider as done for Him. Our motive, or the reason why we are helpful, is that we see Christ in everybody. If Our Lord was willing to die for everybody, a Scout certainly should be ready to render help. The whole Scout program gives us an opportunity to be helpful.

A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY—The basis and motive of this point of the Law is Christian charity. We are all children of the same Father, and brothers of Jesus Christ. Recognizing this, a Scout should be a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout.

A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS—A Scout should respect the image of God in everyone. The meaning of love as a Scout should be from the words of Christ Himself: “I have come not to be served but to serve.”

A SCOUT IS KIND—This point of the Law refers mostly to animals. They exist for our use. They have life and feeling and God has them to use as a trust; as such, we must use them well, never abusing or mistreating them.

A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT—Jesus Christ gave us an example of perfect obedience throughout His life. This will be a difficult point of the Law for a Scout to keep because it will mean discipline and giving up his own will at times. They should obey, not because this pleases him, but because the one giving it has the right to do so, is someone in authority, and is right in doing so. Disobedience brought death and sin into the world; obedience brought our salvation. Real victory comes from obedience, first to God, then to all He has placed in authority, as long as they deserve our obedience.

A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL—Joy should be one of the marks of a child of God. A Scout will have joy in his heart and manifest it outwardly by his cheerful manner.

A SCOUT IS THRIFTY—Thrift teaches self-respect, making us unwilling to be a burden to others. Far from being a burden, we are able by thrift to help others. A Scout is deeply concerned with preserving our natural resources.

A SCOUT IS BRAVE—He can face danger ever if afraid. He has courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others scorn him.

A SCOUT IS CLEAN—He keeps clean in body and thought; stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

A SCOUT IS REVERENT—He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph
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Application (Boy Scouts)

Scout's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Unit: _____ District: _____ Council: _____

Chartering Organization: _____

Record of Dates of Masses/Services Attended:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____

Date All Requirements Completed: _____

Signatures

Boy Scout: _____

Chartered Organization Rep: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Scoutmaster or Religious Emblems Coordinator: _____

Date Recorded in Unit Records: _____ Anticipated Presentation Date: _____

Send Emblem and Bill:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

[Approved CCS: _____ Emblem Sent: _____]

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John Bosco was an Italian priest of the 19th century canonized by Pope Pius XI. He followed a plan in working among boys that was fundamentally the same as the present Boy Scout programs.

On January 31, 1939, Bishop O'Hara called together all the Catholic Scout Troops in the Kansas City Diocese for an observance of the feast of St. John Bosco. This was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where St. John Bosco was named Patron Saint of Scouting in the Kansas City Area. This annual observance continued until the mid-60's, when it gave way to an Annual Diocesan Recognition Mass for youth and adults for service to Catholic faith development through Scouting.

Over the years, various Units awarded the Emblem, but emphasis slacked. St. Mary's Troop and Pack 221 in Independence, under the direction of Scoutmaster Paul Arend, kept the practice alive. When Paul died in 1992, several committee members of Troop 221 presented a plan to reactivate the Emblem on the feast of St. John Bosco January 31, 1993. This was also done in remembrance of Paul D. Arend.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting - Camp Fire approved reestablishment of the Emblem on December 16, 1992.

Requirements for this Emblem follow, along with the application for award, which may be reproduced locally.

Purpose:

The St. John Bosco Emblem is a religious recognition awarded by the Catholic Committee on Scouting - Camp Fire that may be earned by either a Cub or Boy Scout as he discovers the relationship between the values learned in Scouting and his Religion. This program is to allow the "new Scout" an opportunity to immediately start working on a program that will enhance his religious education and to make him aware of the tie between Scouting and the Church. It will also serve as a reminder to the Parish that a tie does exist between a Scouting and faith development/youth ministry of the Catholic Church.

Eligibility:

The St. John Bosco Emblem is designed for Cub and Boy Scouts of the Catholic Faith; however, if a non-Catholic Scout desires to participate in this program, he may do so with the written permission of his parents or guardian.

Presentation:

Presentation of this Emblem will be done at discretion of the individual Unit, so long as it is done with the respect. Divine Liturgy, such as Scout Sunday Mass, is preferred. Pack Meetings, Courts of Honor, and Blue and Gold Banquet may be substituted, but not recommended.

How Worn:

The Emblem is a medal depicting St. John Bosco, suspended from a blue and yellow ribbon (Cub Scouts) or a red-and-white ribbon (Boy Scouts). It is to be worn above the left breast pocket of the Scout uniform, below the service stars. It shall not interfere with the placement of National authorized emblems. There is no "knot" to represent this emblem.