

Guidelines for Adult Religious Recognitions

AIMS AND PURPOSES

St. George Emblem

The St. George Emblem is a national recognition developed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, and presented by the local Catholic Committee on Scouting. The purpose of the St. George Emblem is to recognize an individual's outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Bronze Pelican

This diocesan emblem is awarded to Scouters and other adult supporters of Catholic Scouting, for exceptional service to Catholic Scouting. A minimum service period of three years is recommended by the diocesan committee.

SELECTION PROCESS

A new nomination form must be submitted each year if the nominee is not selected. Any person may submit a nomination. Approval of the pastor or significant church official is recommended before nomination will be considered.

Each diocese can present a limited number of awards to be given in each year, placing emphasis on selectivity and genuine achievement. The maximum number of awards is established by the NCCS and is proportionate to diocesan size, but this does not mean that the entire quota must be awarded each year. No honorary awards are to be made.

A local diocesan selection committee should determine recipients of the awards. It is suggested that the committee be composed of five to seven members, including the Diocesan Youth Director, and/or Diocesan Chaplain. If possible, the committee should include previous recipients of the St. George Emblem and Bronze Pelican. Selections made by the committee and approved by the CCS Chair(s) and Chaplain will be final. The committee should be appointed and activated at least 60 days before the date of presentation. Nominations should be made by November 30.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The kind of person sought as a recipient of a national adult recognition should be one of excellent character and exemplary in every way.

Work accomplishment and dedication rather than a specific number of years in Scouting should be the criteria for receiving this emblem. The nominee usually has served Catholic Scouting for a number of years.

It may be presented to any adult, (man, woman; clergy, religious, laity; Catholic or non-Catholic) who has made a significant contribution to using the Scouting program as a Catholic youth ministry. A Scouter does not earn the St. George or Bronze Pelican emblems but is recommended by another person by application to the local Catholic Committee on Scouting. This emblem is presented only once to a given individual.

Catholic recipients should be exemplary Catholics, with the support of their parish community and their respective pastors. Non-Catholic recipients should also be supported by their congregations and clergy.

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The nominee:

1. Promotes the Religious Emblems program for Catholic youth and has served as a trained Religious Emblem Counselor. Encourages non-Catholic youth to participate in the Religious Emblems program of their faith.
2. Has given notable service in promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the Church and has shown a willingness to serve on such committees.
3. Has taken part in the Spiritual Formation for Scouters program, Scout retreats, Cub day of recollection, CCS Awards Banquet, and such, and has been instrumental in having others participate.
4. Has given notable service in promoting and participating in Scout Sunday observance.
5. Gives notable service in bringing Scouting to more youth under Catholic auspices.
6. Has assisted parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and other key leaders.
7. Is fully trained in the skills of Scouting and is outstanding for his or her sense of responsibility, humility, and good example.
8. Is responsible for Catholic youth being transported to Mass at camporees and summer camps and helps provide for spiritual needs of the non-Catholics within these groups.
9. Has been instrumental in organizing and assisting diocesan Catholic Membership programs and/or promoting the full Scout program in all parishes including multiple units where needed.
10. Makes a significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationships.
11. Gives leadership in promoting Scouting for all youth regardless of race or creed and is instrumental in organizing Scout units in an urban-Scouting environment.
12. Promotes Scouting as a Catholic youth ministry and encourages a youth to recognize his proper place before God.
13. Is active in civic and community organizations (e.g. Knights of Columbus, Rotary, city commissions, etc.)

Bronze Pelican Emblem

The nominee:

1. Has given a minimum of three years active service to youth as an adult member.
2. Participates in activities which contribute to the spiritual formation of Catholic members e.g., retreat weekends, days of recollection, promoting Scout Sunday observances, etc.
3. Promotes the religious recognition programs available to Catholic members in the diocese and/or serves as a counselor.
4. Is responsible for Catholic members fulfilling their responsibility to Mass while camping.
5. Encourages the true spirit of ecumenism as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership within the organization served.
6. Contributes other service to the parish and community.

When form is completed mail to:

**Kathy Loney
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Pastoral Center
5201 Bishops Blvd, Ste A
Fargo, ND 58104**

Nomination Form
for
Bronze Pelican Emblem

(The St. George Emblem has a separate nomination form – contact your local CCS.)

(Please provide all information)

Nominee's Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Parish _____

Spouse _____ Children _____

(1) Years as an Adult Member

Boy Scouts: _____

Other: _____

(2) Current Position

Boy Scouts: _____

Other: _____

(3) Positions held in Boy Scouts or other organizations serving youth

(4) Please state specifically what contributions the candidate has made in the spiritual development of Catholic members in the above organizations that would merit this award:

(5) Please record other contributions of the candidate, with positions held and dates, specifically in regard to activities of the parish, diocese, organization served (Boy Scouts or Other), business, civic, religious, and/or education organizations

(over)

Endorsements

I hereby affirm the nomination of _____ as worthy of this recognition.

(Signature of Pastor or Parish Priest) _____ *(Date)*

The above named candidate is currently registered and active in _____
(Unit and/or Organization name)

Council of the above organization, and has been registered as an adult member for _____ years.

(Signature of Organization or Council Representative) _____ *(Date)*

Nomination submitted by _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Position _____ Date _____

Note: Nomination is to be kept confidential. The person making the nomination will be notified of the results.

Approval by Committee

The above candidate meets diocesan requirements.

(Chairperson) _____ *(Chaplain)*

(Chairperson)

Emblem will be presented at the Bishop's Luncheon on Scouting. If the recipient is unable to attend, please indicate where it should be mailed.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

(This form is to be used and retained by the Diocese.)