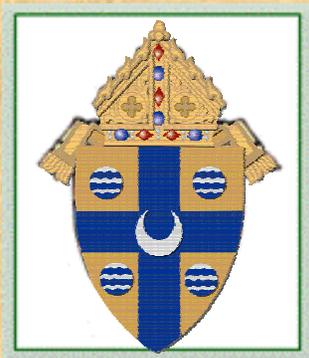


RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS FOR GIRL SCOUTS AND CAMP FIRE BOYS AND GIRLS

Catholic youth members of the Girl Scouts USA and Camp Fire Boys and Girls are invited to explore and become more active in their faith through the Religious Recognitions Program from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. The young people taking part in these Religious Recognitions Programs participate in a positive and value-centered activities that encourage youth to become stronger Catholics and more active members of their home parish. The medals and patches that are earned are church recognitions, not Girl Scout or Camp Fire awards. These awards are appropriate for wear on the participants' uniforms and are endorsed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Catholic religious awards are available through the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

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Order forms for patches and awards are available online at <http://scouts.dio.org>

Workbooks can be ordered at <http://www.nfcym.org>

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FAMILY OF GOD



The purpose of the Family of God program is to invite children in second and third grade to explore a wide range of activities that help them discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of a family and a parish. Parents work with their child on the activity choices described in the Family of God Children's Workbook. Workbooks are bilingual and each chapter has objectives that describe dimensions of children's lives within the family setting and within the Catholic community, or "God's family." The award package can be ordered from the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, care of the Office for Catechesis – Ministry to Youth and Young Adults. Awards are sent after certification by the parish. The Family of God medal and patch are typically presented at a parish Eucharistic Celebration.

I LIVE MY FAITH



The purpose of the I Live My Faith program is to enable children in grades four to six to become more aware of the place that God and

religion hold in daily life. Parents or other adult advisors work with the children on the activity choices described in the I Live My Faith Project Book. The award package can be ordered from the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, care of the Office for Catechesis – Ministry to Youth and Young Adults. Awards are sent after certification by the parish. The I Live My Faith medal and patch are typically presented at a parish Eucharistic Celebration.

MARY, THE FIRST DISCIPLE



The purpose of the Mary, the First Disciple program is for young Catholics in grades seven to ten to learn more about Mary and more about themselves. The four chapters in the program book offer young people an opportunity to learn about the Blessed Virgin Mary and gain insights into their relationship with God, Mary and the saints, their families, friends, and the world around them. An adult moderator helps guide the students throughout the program. The medal and patch award package can be ordered from the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, care of the Office for Catechesis – Ministry to Youth and Young Adults. The Mary the First Disciple medal and patch

are traditionally presented at a diocesan celebration after successful completion of the program and certification by the parish.

SPIRIT ALIVE



The purpose of the Spirit Alive program is to help young Catholics in grades nine to twelve grow in awareness of the Holy Spirit in their lives by inviting participants to accept the Holy Spirit's call to transform our world with the life and truth of Jesus. An adult mentor works with the students throughout the program. The Spirit Alive medal and patch award package can be ordered from the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, care of the Office for Catechesis – Ministry to Youth and Young Adults. The Spirit Alive medal and patch are traditionally presented at a diocesan celebration after successful completion of the program and certification by the parish.

WORKBOOKS

Workbooks for all of these programs can be obtained from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry: <http://www.nfcym.org>.