



Camden Diocese Catholic Scouting Youth Ministry Committee

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To: Scout Religious Award Applicants and Their Parents/Guardians, Families,
Friends

From: Fr. Paul Harte, Diocesan Scout Chaplain
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Chair

Re: Service Project, Board of Review and Award Ceremony

Congratulations on completing the requirements for your Religious Emblem! What a wonderful way for you to show your Duty to God and that you Serve God! Receiving the Emblem will certainly be a highlight in your Faith journey and your Scouting experience. This letter outlines the next steps leading up to the memorable occasion of receiving your Award.

First, we invite you to a fellowship and service event in which **all Religious Emblem recipients are asked to participate, from 9am to noon on Saturday, May 26, 2018**. This is the date of the Diocese of Camden Scouting Youth Ministry Annual Service Project and Board of Review. **We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 642 Market Street, Camden, NJ. After a short meeting, we will travel to beautify Joseph's House, 555 Atlantic Avenue, Camden.** Please do not wear your uniform for the morning of service; a Scout t-shirt would be fine. Please bring work gloves, shovels, rakes, brooms, trash bags and water. If you cannot stay for the entire time and you are not an Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII candidate, you may leave whenever you wish. If you have any questions, please call Joe Brennan, 856-220-8404 (C). Friends and family members are welcome to participate.

After the Service Project is completed, all Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII candidates are required to attend the afternoon Board of Review scheduled from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Mary, the First Disciple, and The Spirit Alive candidates may also join us for this Board of Review. **The Boards of Review will take place at the DeSales Service House, 522 State Street, Camden.** Please make sure to bring your lunch and your Scout uniform to change into. Also, **bring your Religious Award books**, and any other materials that may be of interest to the Board of Review. Any previously submitted work, as well as the materials you bring that day, will be returned to you following the session. Scouts should be in their uniform for this part of the day, e.g., Class A for Boy Scouts; for Girls, your vest/sash with white blouse, dark skirt or pants.

Saturday, June 23, 2018 is the date of the Diocese of Camden Scouting Youth Ministry Annual Religious Recognition Award Ceremony. All family members and friends are welcome to attend this joyous occasion. This year's service will take place at **Saints Peter and Paul Church, 362 Ganttown Road, Turnersville, NJ 08012**. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m., but **Scouts should arrive by 9:15am**. Scouts and Leaders should wear their uniforms: Boys in Class A and Girls in your vest or sash with a white blouse and dark skirt or pants. Please invite your leaders and counselors to this ceremony, and ask them to report at 9:15 a.m. If your unit or troop has a flag, please bring it with you along with a stand to hold it. Last year's winners of the Bishop's Flags should also come with the flags. There will be fellowship and refreshments after the ceremony. **Please bring your favorite snacks and desserts for all to share.** The day should end around noon.

Please let me know if you are attending either or both events, and which food item you are bringing on June 23rd. If you have questions, please contact Joe Brennan at 856-428-2645(H), 856-220-8404(C) or jpbrenfsa@verizon.net. Once again, congratulations!