

Religious Emblems Program

(With changes 1-6)

The Fort Worth Diocesan Catholic Committee On Scouting

The **F**ort **W**orth **D**iocesan **C**atholic **C**ommittee on **S**couting (FWDCCS) operates a religious emblems program in accordance with guidelines published by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) and various programs developed for local implementation.

The NCCS states in the Religious Emblems Manual, page 1, “The NCCS has developed the Catholic religious emblems programs, as such, the NCCS holds the copyright to the programs. The NCCS operates under the auspices of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Therefore **the NCCS permits no changes to be made to any religious emblem program approved by the NCCS.** Use of a religious emblem program by a diocese infers acceptance of these restrictions.”

This section of the FWDCCS web site covers a brief description of each scout and scouter emblem, qualification, certification, and presentation of same plus training and certification of counselors.

Unit awards (Pope Paul VI and the National Gold Medallion) and Activity Programs and Patches (Rosary Patch, International Awareness Activity and Duty to God Patch) are Membership and Activity awards. Instructions and descriptions for them can be found in the Membership section of this web site or the NCCS web site. The Emblems Committee does not process these awards.

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Scout Emblems, General

There are two Cub Scout and three Boy Scout emblems.

The **Cub Scout** emblems are earned in a family setting with the Cub and parents or guardians. It takes an average 90 to 180 days to complete each program. Cub awards may be started anytime. When completed there is a choice of manner of presentation; locally or at the annual awards ceremony held in late April or May. See our calendar for date, time and location of the awards ceremony. Some parishes or Packs have a Religious Emblems Coordinator. Check with your parish or pack as this person can be of major assistance to you.

The three **Boy Scout** emblems are conducted by a certified counselor or facilitator in small groups of scouts (3-10). It takes 6-8 months to complete each program except the Light is Life program can take one year. Boy Scout emblem groups usually start after Labor Day to be completed by the Board of Review date in early March and presentation at the annual awards ceremony. For names of counselors in your area please contact the Emblems Chair, FWDCCS. emblems@bsaccs.org Please include your city and parish in your message.

For information on the **Eastern Rite** award see *Light is Life* below.

The Ad Altare Dei emblem is for Roman Rite Catholic Scouts. Both Cub and the Pope Pius XII emblems are for both Roman and Eastern Rite Catholic Scouts.

In addition to the medal, scouts earning any of these emblems are entitled to wear the youth religious knot with program device on their uniform. It can be purchased at local Scout Shops.



Scouts who earn all four emblems are eligible to receive the Chi Rho patch. The Scout should make his Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII counselor aware of this no later than his last Board of Review. See page 8

Miniature "Mother's Pins" for all awards are available at the Annual Awards Ceremony or by mail if ordering Cub Emblems for local presentation.

Adult awards are covered later in this section.

Our website www.bsaccs.org National website <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/>



Light of Christ

Eligibility

To be eligible to work on this emblem the child must be a registered Tiger Cub or Wolf Cub Scout of the Catholic faith and must complete all requirements before starting the third grade.

Purpose

The purpose of the Light of Christ program is to help the child develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With parent active assistance and participation in this program it is hoped that he will come to see Jesus as a real person and friend.

Requirements

The requirements are found in the Light of Christ Activity Book, both in Spanish and English. It can be purchased at local Scout Shops, from the Scout Supply Division Catalog or on line at www.scoutstuff.org.

Please read the entire book before beginning with the scout. This program is not a substitute for formal religious education. It is not appropriate for the program to be done as a den project or in group workshops. The scout's pastor or his representative authenticates completion of the program.

Program Completion

Applications should be mailed to:

Emblems, 1320 Saddleback Lane, Lewisville, TX 75067.

Include a check to FWDCCS for \$10.00 for each award if receiving the award at the annual ceremony. Add \$2.00 if it is to be mailed to your home for local presentation. \$5 for each "Mother's Pin" to be mailed. Add email address to application for best service. Applications for awards to be presented at the annual awards ceremony must be received by the date shown on the FWDCCS calendar, usually in early March of each year.

Suggested local presentations are at the end or after a Mass, or in the Scout's church or pastor's office with family and friends. The medal should be blessed. The knot can be presented at a pack meeting.

NCCS link: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/LightOfChrist.php>



Parvuli Dei (Children of God)

Eligibility

To be eligible to work on this emblem the child must be a registered Cub or Webelos Scout of the Catholic faith who is 8, 9 or 10 years old, and must complete all requirements before joining the Boy Scouts. Completion of any other Religious Emblem is not required.

Purpose

The purpose of the Parvuli Dei Program is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes and to develop a positive self-image through the contributions they make to the group or community.

Requirements

The requirements are found in the Parvuli Dei Activity Book, both in Spanish and English. It can be purchased at local Scout Shops, from the Scout Supply Division Catalog or on line at www.scoutstuff.org.

Please read the entire book before beginning with the scout. This program is not a substitute for formal religious education. It is not appropriate for the program to be done as a den project or in group workshops. The scout's pastor or his representative authenticates completion of the program.

Program Completion

Completed applications should be mailed to:

Emblems, 1320 Saddleback Lane, Lewisville, TX 75067.

Include a check to FWDCCS for \$10.00 for each award if receiving the award at the annual ceremony. Add \$2.00 if it is to be mailed to your home for local presentation. \$5.00 for each "Mother's Pin" to be mailed. Add email address to application for best service. Applications for awards to be presented at the annual awards ceremony must be received by the date shown on the FWDCCS calendar, usually in early March of each year.

Suggested local presentations are at the end or after a Mass, or in the Scout's church or pastor's office with family and friends. The medal should be blessed. The knot can be presented at a pack meeting.

NCCS link: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/ParvuliDei.php>



Ad Altare Dei (to the Altar of God)

Eligibility

To be eligible to work on this program a scout must first have a completed approval form signed by the applicant, parents, counselor, scoutmaster and pastor. This form is found in the front of the Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual. He must be a registered scout of the **Roman Catholic** faith. The content is designed for 13 and 14 year olds but older Boy Scouts may work on the program. Parents and counselors must consider the maturity level of the scout and prayerfully reflect on whether he is ready for this program. He must be an active member of his troop for six months and completed the sixth grade before starting the program. Completion of any other Religious Emblem is not required.

Purpose

The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (AAD) program is to help Catholic Boy Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments.

Requirements

The requirements are found in the Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual. It can be purchased at local Scout Shops, from the Scout Supply Division Catalog or on line at www.scoutstuff.org

This program is not a substitute for formal religious education. **Caution:** It is necessary that a scout attend **virtually all** meetings and events associated with this program to avoid falling behind his group and needing extensive make up time to complete requirements. There are several individual requirements in this program. Parents are encouraged to review the progress of their son periodically. The counselor will set meeting dates that are convenient for the group. The scout is expected to give priority to those dates. Counselors will deal with this issue on a case-by-case basis. For names of counselors in your area please contact the Emblems Chair, FWDCCS. emblems@bsaccs.org Please include your city and parish in your message

Program Completion

The Program is completed when all the requirements in the AAD Scout Manual have been completed, signed off and the scout successfully completes his Board of Review before his 18th birthday. See the section on Boards of Review for more information. This emblem is presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

NCCS Link: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/AdAltareDei.php>



Light is Life

Eligibility

To be eligible to work on this program a scout must first have a completed approval form signed by the applicant, parents, counselor, scoutmaster and pastor. This form is found in the front of the Light is Life Scout Manual. He must be a registered scout of the **Eastern Catholic** faith. The content is designed for 12 and 13 year olds but older or younger Boy Scouts may work on the program. Parents and counselors must consider the maturity level of the scout and prayerfully reflect on whether he is ready for this program. He must be an active member of his troop for six months and completed the sixth grade before starting the program. The program is designed to be completed in one year. Completion of any other Religious Emblem is not required.

Purpose

The overall goal of the Light is Life religious emblem program is to bring about in the scout, through his Eastern Christian scouting experience, a deeper awareness of his share in faith-life. Then going forth he will witness this life through maturity in the communal workshop and in Christian formation of his world.

Requirements

The requirements are found in the Life is Light Scout Manual. The Light is Life book for Boy Scouts belonging to the Eastern Catholic Churches can generally be obtained from your local Scout Shop, Eparchial Catholic Committee on Scouting or directly from NCCS at NCCS@netbsa.org.

This program is not a substitute for formal religious education. **Caution:** It is necessary that a scout be able to complete a great deal of the material on his own with regular meetings with his counselor. Parents are encouraged to review the progress of their son periodically. The counselor will be trained on the administrative requirements by the FWDCCS but the scout and counselor must both be from the same Eastern Church and seek guidance and permission from that pastor to conduct the program. For counselor or scout assistance in starting this program please contact the Emblems Chair, FWDCCS. emblems@bsaccs.org Please include your city and parish in your message.

Program Completion

The Program is completed when all the requirements in the Light is Life Scout Manual have been completed, signed off and the scout successfully completes his Board of Review before his 18th birthday. See the section on Boards of Review for more information, as this award will require special arrangements.

Please read data on the NCCS site for more detailed information.
NCCS Link: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/LightIsLife.php>



Pope Pius XII

Eligibility

To be eligible to work on this program a scout must first have a completed approval form signed by the applicant, parents, counselor, scout leader and pastor. This form is found in the front of the Pope Pius XII Participant Manual. He/she must be a registered youth member of the Boy Scouts, a member of the Catholic faith and must have started the 9th grade. Boy Scouts must complete the requirements and Board of Review by age 18. Registered Venturers, male or female have until age 21. Completion of any other Religious Emblem is not required.

Purpose

Pope Pius XII (PP12) is the Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program. The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious or ordained), occupations and ministries in the church. It includes youth led discussions on issues facing the church and society.

Requirements

The requirements are found in the Pope Pius XII Participant Manual. It can be purchased at local Scout Shops, from the Scout Supply Division Catalog or on line at www.scoutstuff.org

This program is not a substitute for formal religious education. **Caution:** It is necessary that a scout attend **all** the periods and events associated with this program to avoid falling behind his group and needing extensive make-up time to complete requirements. There are several individual requirements in this program. Parents are encouraged to review the progress of their son periodically. The scouts, coordinating with the facilitator, will set meeting dates that are convenient for the group. The scout is expected to give priority to those dates. Facilitators will deal with this issue on a case-by-case basis. For names of facilitators in your area please contact the Emblems Chair, FWDCCS. emblems@bsaccs.org Please include your city and parish in your message

Program Completion

The Program is completed when all the requirements in the PP12 Participant Manual have been completed, the manual is signed off and the scout successfully completes his/her Board of Review. See the section on Boards of Review for more information. This emblem is presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony.
NCCS Link: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/PopePiusXII.php>

The Fort Worth Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

Application for the Chi Rho Patch

The Fort Worth Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting presents the Chi Rho patch to Scouts and Venturers who have received both Cub Scout Emblems and both Boy Scout Emblems. The patch is presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony each year. There is no cost for this patch for Scouts currently completing their fourth award. Scouts or adults who have previously completed all four awards may obtain the patch for \$5.00 by following the procedures below.

Verification of each award must be submitted through an active emblems counselor. The signature of the counselor is required on this application. Each award may be verified in any of the following methods: **1.** Emblem presentation card, **2.** Scout's name appears in a previous ceremony program, **3.** Counselor has direct knowledge of Emblem being awarded, **4.** Presentation of Emblem appears in the Awards Register maintained by the Emblems committee, **5.** Parents attest to receipt of the Emblem.

Counselors will notify the Emblems Chair as soon as this information is known and submit this form no later than the Board of Review in the year the patch is to be presented.

Scout Name _____ Troop/Crew _____

Parish _____

The Scout named above has been awarded all four Catholic Scout Religious Emblems. I have verified each presentation as shown using one of the 5 methods above.

LOC ____ PD ____ AAD ____ PP12 ____

Counselor Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____



Boards of Review (BOR)

General Instructions and Suggestions

The Ad Altare Dei, Light is Life and Pope Pius XII programs all require the scout to successfully complete a Board of Review prior to being awarded the emblem. The Emblems Sub-Committee, FWDCCS, holds these reviews annually in the early March time frame. Time location and date are announced in a separate flyer. Counselors of PP12 and Light is Life should contact the Emblems Chair for special BOR arrangements emblems@bsaccs.org

The scout appears before a board of scouts who have received the award and adults. The BOR takes about 15 minutes. It is not an examination or test. It is conducted much the same as advancement BORs in troops except scouts are used as board members when available. The board is to determine if the scout has grown in his faith by participating in the program.

Counselors are expected to be present the entire time to sit on boards. Carpooling of the group is recommended to limit the number of adults having to wait.

Members of the FWDCCS are encouraged to ask scouts who have already earned the AAD and PP12 award to attend and sit on the BOR.

Arrive on time or a little early. Have \$10 for each scout to cover the cost of the medal. Scouts must be in full uniform and have their workbook with them with all required signatures. The backside of the front signature page should be filled out through the Counselors Certification. There is an evaluation page at the end of the workbook. Scouts will be asked to turn in a completed evaluation. If it has been mailed to NCCS just let the board know. The scout will keep his workbook during the BOR. He may refer to it or be asked to show it to members of the board.

How to prepare scouts for the BOR: If the program has been conducted as prescribed, that is each scout has completed every requirement, the reviews have been conducted individually at the end of each chapter then scouts are probably 80-90% ready for the BOR. Read how reviews are conducted in the back of counselor or facilitator handbook. Note the bold print in the right hand column of this page. It is recommended that there be a special meeting with the group to review each chapter. Scouts that did not attend the retreat will most likely be asked what they did to satisfy that requirement (page 10 of the AAD scout handbook). Having the scout complete the evaluation in his book will make him become aware of what the program has done for him. If there is a shy scout, work with him. Scouts are not re-examined but it is expected he can name the seven sacraments and explain a little about any of them to the board if asked.

Annual Awards Ceremony

Annually, the FWDCCS, in conjunction with Girl Scouts USA, Catholic Daughters of the America's and Camp Fire USA, conducts a Religious Awards Ceremony for the presentation of Girl, Cub, Boy Scout and Unit awards at a local Parish. The date is in late April or May and depends on the Bishop's schedule, Easter and Mother's Day. The date, a Sunday, and location for the next ceremony can be found on the FWDCCS calendar.

The ceremony, which does not include Mass, starts at 2:00 PM. Cub Scouts and young girls, in full uniform, are asked to arrive by 1:00 PM for registration. Cubs and Boy Scouts register in the parish hall, girls in the church narthex. Boy Scouts and older girls should arrive by 1:30 PM. This event is for youth and therefore, adults of the FWDCCS will not be recognized during the ceremony.

Some leaders will be asked to remain with the Cubs and younger girls to assist in keeping the scouts organized in their specified order prior to the procession into and in the church.

Scouts will process into the church and when their group is called forward each receives their award from the Bishop. A printed program will be provided. Parents do not sit with scouts.

Depending on the Bishop's schedule, group pictures with him will be organized after the ceremony. Special instructions for pictures will be announced prior to the ceremony. There will be no individual, or small group pictures with the Bishop.

Information on upcoming events, to include retreats, will be available in the parish hall before and after the ceremony.

Miniature pins (Mother's pins) for Cub and Boy Scout emblems will be available for \$5.00 in the narthex after the ceremony.

A social, with snacks, is usually scheduled after the ceremony in the parish hall.

Reminder: Cub Scouts have the choice of attending this ceremony or having their award presented locally. See Light of Christ or Parvuli Dei for details.

Counselor Training and Certification

The Fort Worth Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting conducts Counselor Training and Refresher Training each spring as announced in a separate flyer. There will be no training at the Scout Retreat in the fall. **Only counselors trained or refreshed by the Emblems Sub-Committee, FWDCCS are authorized to council or facilitate the Ad Altare Dei, Light is Life and Pope Pius XII programs.**

Training is also conducted for Pack/Parish Religious Emblems Coordinators.

First year applicants must complete the attached application and forward it to the Emblems Chair two weeks prior to the scheduled instruction. A telephonic interview will then take place. First year applicants are limited to training in one emblem.

Counselors for Boy Scout awards should be motivated to recruit and counsel groups of scouts for several years. Unlike the Cub Scout program, taking this training to merely assist your son in obtaining the award is ill advised.

Previously certified counselors planning to start a group but have not done so in three years or more will contact the Emblems Chair for refresher training.

Emblems Chair emblems@bsaccs.org

Complete form below and mail it to the address below 2 weeks prior to the course.

Emblems Sub-Committee Chair
3801 Oak Park Drive
Flower Mound, TX 75028

Catholic Religious Awards Counselor Application

Ft. Worth Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

Personal Data

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Scout Unit (circle) Troop, Venture, Explorer # _____

Parish Name & City _____

Pastor _____

Other Data

Catholic Education: GS, HS, College, CCD, RCIA (Circle those that apply)

Parish ministries _____

Scouting background _____

Training

Location _____ Date _____

AAD, LIL, PP12 (circle)

Youth Protection Dates (attach certificate) BSA _____ Diocesan _____

Signatures

Applicant _____

Pastor _____

Trainer _____

Adult Emblems, General

The Adult Emblems program, managed by the Emblems Committee, consists of two awards. The Bronze Pelican, a diocesan award, has its requirements recommended by the FWDCCS and approved by the Bishop or his representative. The St. George Emblem, a NCCS award, has its requirements set by the National Committee.

These two awards are for sustained outstanding service to Catholic scouting. It is inappropriate to nominate oneself or a spouse for these awards. In like manner, solicitation of nominations for oneself or spouse is also inappropriate. The awards are earned by service to youth as a part of the NCCS and FWDCCS programs.

Any person familiar with the Catholic Scouting programs and the accomplishments of an individual for a program may nominate that adult for an award. Groups may collaborate on the nomination of an adult.

Nomination forms are shown in this section. These forms are the only ones to be used. They must be complete and submitted to the FWDCCS Emblems Chair by the date indicated on the committee calendar, usually the Saturday of the annual scout retreat. Letters of recommendation may be attached to the nomination forms. Each award is made only once to an individual.

A selection committee will review the nominations and make recommendations to the Committee Chair and Chaplain for final approval. A person who has nominated an adult or has a spouse being considered will not be a member of the selection committee for that award. More information on selection committee follows below.

It is **very important** that a person nominated not be aware of this action as not all nominees may be selected.



The Bronze Pelican

The FWDCCS, acting with authority from the NCCS, may award the Bronze Pelican emblem to members of the laity and clergy, scouters and non-scouters alike, who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through scouting over a period of at least three (3) years. Recipients do not need to be of the Catholic faith.

Emblems are presented annually at the Bishop's dinner or as announced. Nominations, using the form below, should be submitted to the Emblems Chair by the date shown on the annual calendar, usually on Saturday of the annual scout retreat. Recipients of this award do not wear the Adult Religious Award knot on their uniform.

The following are **guidelines for nomination** and selection of Bronze Pelican recipients. These suggestions are offered as a guide only; they are indicative of the kinds of things that the nominator and selection committee should be looking for. Accomplishments and quality activity in Catholic scouting are more important than quantity of events participated in by the nominee.

1. **Service directly with Scouts** such as: religious emblems counselor, assistant counselors, attendance at scout retreats as a staff member, Scout Sunday activities, Pack or parish Cub religious emblems coordinator, participation in the Ten Commandment Hike and other religious activities directly working with scouts.
2. **Service as a Committee member or individual actions** such as: member of the FWDCCS as an elected member, sub-committee chair or member. Routine or special tasks accomplished. A behind the scenes person who helps Catholic Scouting, other.
3. **Personal Development** such as: attendance at Scouter Development, attendance at Scouting in the Catholic Church at Philmont Training Center, attendance at special training or seminars related to youth ministry or the Catholic faith, other.
4. **Activities apart from Scouting** such as: Serving in ministries and committees in own parish, Knights of Columbus, other civic/religious activities.

The FWDCCS Chaplain and Committee Chair may award the Bronze Pelican to any adult, at any time for any reason they jointly see fit.

NCSS Link: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/awards/BronzePelican.php>



Bronze Pelican Nomination

Ft. Worth Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

NOMINEE:

Name _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home, business, pager or cell) _____

Email _____:

Parish: _____ Pastor _____

Registered in Scouting as: _____ Unit _____

Council _____

FWDCCS Position(s) _____ Dates (From-To) _____

RECOMMENDED BY:

Name _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home, business, pager or cell) _____

Email _____

Signature _____

DIOCESAN SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

The Bronze Pelican selection committee of the of Fort Worth DCCS certifies that the record of service of this nominee has been carefully reviewed and that the nominee meets the standards for this emblem as established by the Ft Worth DCCS. The nominee is hereby recommended for reception of the Bronze Pelican emblem.

Date: // Signed:

Chairperson, selection committee

DIOCESAN APPROVAL:

On _____ (date), the above-named candidate's pastor, _____

stated he knew of no reason why the candidate should not receive the Bronze Pelican Emblem. Therefore, based on the approval of the selection committee, the candidate is approved for the reception of the emblem.

Date: // Signed:

Diocesan Scout chaplain

Information for Bronze Pelican Award

Nominee _____ Date _____

Tenure in Catholic Scouting: From _____ To _____

Provide as much information about the nominee as possible in the following categories. Use more space if required.
Attached are _____ letters of recommendation and _____ additional pages..

1. SERVICE DIRECTLY WITH SCOUTS

2. SERVICE AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER OR INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS

3. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

4. ACTIVITIES APART FROM SCOUTING



The St. George Emblem

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting, acting through the local diocese or eparchy may award the St. George emblem to members of the laity and clergy, scouters and non-scouters alike, who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through scouting.

The attached form contains the criteria for this award and instructions for its completion. Form <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/pdf/StGeorge8.5x11.pdf>

The FWDCCS considers those nominees who have sustained outstanding service with Catholic Scouting and active participation in committee events for three or more years since receipt of the Bronze Pelican to be **best** qualified for this award.

Nominations must be submitted to the Emblems Chair by the date shown on the annual calendar, usually on Saturday of the annual scout retreat.

Recipients of this award may wear the Adult Religious Award knot on their uniform.



NCCS Link: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/awards/StGeorge.php>

Selection Committee

The FWDCCS Chairman, or his representative, will appoint a Selection Committee each Fall to consider nominations for the St. George Emblem and Bronze Pelican Medal. The committee shall consist of at least 3 and no more than 7 members. These members will be prior recipients of the award being considered. No one who has nominated an adult for an award that year or has a spouse being considered shall be on the Selection Committee for that nomination.

The Vice Chairman or Emblems Chair will sit as secretary of the Selection Committee, without vote, to record results, control the use of nominations forms, guide discussion and report recommendations to the Committee Chairman. This person is not on the committee and does not count on the total Selection Committee members.

If there are 3 or 4 members voting, the recommendations must be unanimous. Five or more voting members requires a simple majority. Ties will be referred to the Committee Chair and Chaplain for resolution.

Selection Committee members are to determine if nominees meet the criteria for the award and, if the number of nominees exceeds the annual limit, who are the best qualified. Only the information on the nomination form will be considered.

The FWDCCS currently is authorized three (3) St. George Emblems to be presented each year. The FWDCCS has not established a maximum number for the Bronze Pelican. All awards need not be given each year but unused awards will not be added to the next year quota.

Nominees not selected will not be carried over to the next year. A new nomination form will be required.

In all cases the Selection Committee only makes recommendations to the Chairman and Chaplain who will make the final decision on who will receive the award.

The Selection Committee will meet in order to make its recommendations no later than October 15th of each year. **Recommendations will be strictly confidential and reasons for non-selection will not be divulged to anyone.** Only the Chaplain or the Committee Chair will announce the yearly recipients. This will be done by November 1st so recipients may make personal plans for the awards ceremony at the annual Bishop's Dinner in late November or early December each year.

Adult Awards Presentation (Bishop's Dinner)

The Emblems Chair shall organize a recognition dinner (Bishop's Dinner) each year for the purposes of thanking the Bishop for his support to Catholic Scouting, presentation of the St. George Emblem and Bronze Pelican awards, recognizing adults for special achievements and thanking all who have contributed to the FWDCCS and its goals. Other items for the program may be included but must be coordinated **far** in advance with the Emblems Chair.

With the exception of scouts in service at the dinner and members of a recipient's family, this is an adult event.

Automatic invitations are extended to all members of the FWDCCS and their spouses, Catholic unit CORs, Committee Chairs and Pastors of recipients.

A special open invitation is extended to all leaders and spouses of Girl Scouts, Campfire USA and Catholic Daughters of the America's. Presentations of their adult awards at this event are welcome.

This is a budgeted, no cost to the participant, event. Committee members may extend invitations to other adults only after coordinating with the Emblems Chair.

The time, date and location will be announced each year in a separate flyer and on the FWDCCS calendar. It is usually conducted at the end of November or first week in December.

Authentication

The Religious Emblems Program for the Ft. Worth Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting was prepared by the Emblems Sub-committee in March and April 2008.

It was approved by the full FWDCCS on May 14, 2008

It was approved by Fr. Anh Tran, Chaplain FWDCCS, on behalf of Bishop Vann on May 15, 2008.

The Program consists of 19 pages plus this authentication page and changes listed below.

Changes: **Change 1, August 18, 2008:**

Pages 3 & 4; changes mailing address for Cub Emblems and adds suggestions for local presentation ceremonies.

Page 16; Updates NCCS link for St. George application

Change 2, August 28, 2008

Pages 3 & 4; changes mailing address for Cub Emblems

Change 3, May 1, 2009

Pages 3 & 4 changes cost for mailing awards from \$1 to \$2.

Page 10 changes application submission from 30 days to two weeks.

Change 4, July 14, 2009

All pages with links to the NCCS site were changed to the new site.

Change 5, January 14, 2011

Page 2 adds information on the Chi Rho patch

Change 6, January 31, 2011

New page 8, Chi Rho Patch Application, higher pages advance by one.

Questions concerning this Program should be directed to the FWDCCS Emblems sub-committee chair: emblems@bsaccs.org