



# Piercing Arrow

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## Chairman's Report

The Catholic Committee on Scouting begins to close out the 2017 year by planning for 2018. We observed a successful awards ceremony in spring and a well attended religious retreat in fall. In between was summer camp with six Sunday services at the Chapel of the Twelve Apostles. Never quite reached standing room only, but close in session 1 and 3.

The chapel is showing its age and some maintenance issues are ongoing. The decorative ceiling has been removed thus denying a roost for a large colony of brown bats. Using Missouri Department of Conservation as a resource, the task was done last winter when the animals hibernate in nearby caves. They then found other sites come spring.

Removing the ceiling uncovered other concerns. Biggest among them was a leaking roof. We are in the process of working with maintenance on replacing the current shingle w a metal roof. Rotted plywood and structures will be replaced before the new roof is installed. The chapel and adjoining cabin is wholly the responsibility of this Catholic Committee. No BSA or Bartle funds are involved in the upkeep of the buildings. We are blessed to have a gathering space for religious services, but it comes at a price.

Adult religious award applications are due January 1, 2018. Have you nominated your outstanding leaders for Bronze Pelican or St. George? Please check the website for details and applications.

Our award ceremony is scheduled for March 12 at St. Thomas More parish.

Opening Mass for summer '18 is June 10, I hope to see you at this first session Mass or other services during the summer.

*John Swartz*

## Board of Directors Election

The election of the 2017 Catholic Committee on Scouting Board of Directors has taken place at the November membership meeting. The 2018 officers were unanimously retained in their present positions. They are:

Chair, John Swartz

Vice-Chair, Mike O'Neil

Treasurer, Joe Griggs

Secretary, Thomas Jewitt

Member-at-Large, Bill Kattner

Committee Chairs are listed in the Committee Contacts Section below.

## Award Application Deadline

The Committee is seeking applicants for the Bronze Pelican, St. George and St. Jean Baptiste De la Salle Awards. The deadline for submission for this year is: January 1, 2018. See *supra* for details. The applications can be downloaded from the Committee Website:

<http://Catholicscouting-kcsj.com>

# SAVE THE DATE

Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph  
Catholic Committee on Scouting

## Religious Awards Recognition Service

*Monday, March 12, 2018*

*7 p.m.*

*St. Thomas More Parish*

*11822 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131*

Scouts and Scouters from around the diocese along with Bishop James Johnston will gather to recognize adult leaders that have given their time and talent to Catholic Scouting.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Crew that earned a Catholic Religious Emblem in 2017 will also be recognized for their efforts.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss out on this important event. More details will be made available in the coming weeks on the CCS website: [www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com](http://www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com)

## Changes at the Council Level

Kendrick Miller is no longer the Heart of America Council Executive. A search committee is gearing up to find his replacement.

## New Council Laisson appointed

Jon Wilson, District Director of Blue Elk District, has been appointed to be the liaison of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

## National Committee on Scouting News

*New International program to help encourage participants to become world citizens*

By Phil Krajec  
NCCS International Committee Chair

The NCCS Executive Board approved a new activity developed by the International Committee to help youth and adults learn about and share the lives of the Martyrs of Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

The program will encourage participants to be good citizens of the world and emphasize the importance of their involvement in the World Scout Jamboree that will be co-hosted by the Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada, and Asociación de Scouts de México at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2019.

All youth and adults — Scouts or non-Scouts, Catholic or nonCatholic, male or female, American or international — are welcome to participate in the program and learn how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit can help them to defend their faith.

To earn the patch, Scouts and leaders will be asked to complete several requirements and activities to learn about what it means to be a martyr, what it takes for Catholics to defend their faith and “take up the cross daily.”

The Martyrs of Canada, the United States, and Mexico program was introduced at the recent BSA National Jamboree and will conclude at the National Jamboree in 2021. At the conclusion of the program, plans are to introduce a new activity to encourage Scouts to participate in the World Scout Jamboree to be held in the summer of 2023.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
CATHOLIC SCOUTING GO TO  
[facebook.com/nccs.bsa](https://facebook.com/nccs.bsa)

## Did You Know...?

By Bob Oldowski

In 1972, Pope Paul VI authorized the NCCS to name our new unit recognition in his honor. Today, 45 years and four popes later, quality Catholic-chartered Scout units still can qualify for this recognition. This year the qualifications have been expanded and for the first time, the NCCS, like the BSA, will recognize three levels of accomplishment. This newly re-titled recognition is now the National Catholic Unit Excellence Award. Pope Paul VI's coat of arms continues to be used. The program challenges units to set yearly goals emphasizing use of religious programs and activities

and then accomplish them during the year. Are you meeting your unit's goals for 2017 and 2018? Scouting is Youth Ministry!

## Scouting and Catholic Youth Ministry

Ministering to young people is a vital aspect of the Catholic Church's life and mission. In their pastoral framework on youth ministry, the U.S. Bishops state: "Ministry with adolescents (is) a concern for the entire church community, especially for leaders in parishes, schools, and dioceses."

The Church endeavors to minister to young people in a variety of ways, among which are: Catholic education and religious formation, youth ministry, and boys' and girls' scouting programs. All of these are excellent opportunities for the Church to pass on the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children and youth through her life and rich tradition of faith, morals, leadership development, pastoral care, prayer and worship, and service. Over the years, the Catholic youth ministry community and scouting programs have enjoyed a shared mission and a collaborative relationship, one that continues to this day.

## Pius 12 Requirements Revision

These are exciting times in the Religious Emblems world. The long awaited thorough revision of the Pope Pius XII Emblem is available to the Catholic Scouting community.

a. *The Participant's Manual* is available by one of three methods (two current and one very soon):

(1) Download from the NCCS Literature Ordering Online Tool (<http://nccsliterature.kintera.org/BSA>): Participants can download a copy of the manual for \$3.00.

(2) Order a Hard Copy via the NCCS Literature Ordering Online Tool (<http://nccsliterature.kintera.org/BSA>): NCCS will provide a printed copy via mail for \$10.00.

(2) Purchase from the BSA Supply Division: This manual will also be available in Scout Shops. The availability and cost are not yet determined.

b. The new Pope Pius XII Facilitators Manual is ONLY available via the NCCS Literature Ordering Online Tool (<http://nccsliterature.kintera.org/BSA>). Downloadable copies cost \$3.00 and printed copies cost \$10.00.

c. Use of the new manuals is strongly encouraged. We recognize, however, that some participants may have already started using the 2002 version and they should finish using that version. Dioceses can also decide, for logistical purposes, to use the 2002 version with any new participants starting their efforts during the remainder of 2017. **All Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers beginning the Pope Pius XII on or after January 1, 2018, should use the new manual.** Exceptions should be requested via email to: ([wguglielmi@outlook.com](mailto:wguglielmi@outlook.com))

## Girls in Boy Scouts?

Girls in the BSA is not something new. Girls have been officially registered members of BSA programs since 1971. Today Girls can be Venturers, Sea Scouts and Stem Scouts. They have been serving on the staffs of numerous Boy Scout Camps, as staff and participants at National Jamborees and all of the BSA's High Adventure Bases.

See position statement by the NCCS on the next page.



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## Renew – Rebuild – Rejoice

October 11, 2017

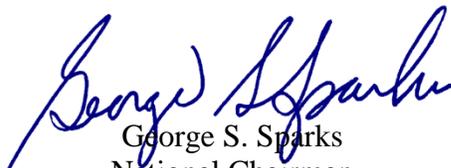
The National Catholic Committee on Scouting was informed this morning of the decision of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America that in January 2018 the Cub Scouting program will now be open to girls. Using the same curriculum as the Boy Scouts program, the organization will also deliver a program for older girls, which will be announced in 2018 and is projected to be available in 2019.

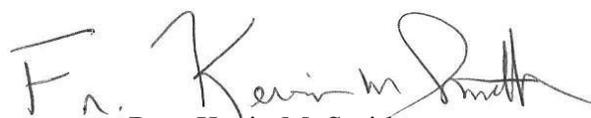
It is the mission of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting to utilize and ensure the constructive use of the program of the Boy Scouts of America as a viable form of youth ministry with the Catholic youth of our nation. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting seeks to sustain and strengthen the relationship between the Boy Scouts of America and the Catholic Church and to work cooperatively with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) and various other groups involved in youth ministry in the United States.

It is the position of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting to accept and work with the new membership policy of the Boy Scouts of America. When we have had more time to review the policy and a chance to consult our national membership, we will be able to comment further about how this new policy will reflect changes in the makeup of Catholic chartered units in the Boy Scouts of America.

A motion was made to accept the statement from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting in response to the announcement of the vote of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America relating to the acceptance of girls into the Cub Scout program.

Fr. Raymond Fecteau proposed the motion. Jerry Scanlan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Executive Committee.

  
George S. Sparks  
National Chairman

  
Fr. Kevin M. Smith  
National Chaplain

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## Application Information for Catholic Committee Awards

The **Bronze Pelican Emblem** is a diocesan recognition defined by the Catholic Committee on Scouting with the approval of the bishop. It may be presented to any adult working in the Scouting Programs under Catholic auspices, to Catholics in Units not partnered by the Church, and to those who have made significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationship. It may be given to Catholic men and women, including priests and religious, or to non-Catholics.

The purpose of this emblem is to recognize an outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Scouting Programs. See the website for the application and guidelines for consideration.

<http://Catholicscouting-kcsj.com> Deadline: January 1, 2018

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 recipients of the emblem are to be sought after and selected by an active committee of the (arch)diocese/eparchy. Nomination forms should give a detailed description of how the nominee provides outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through Scouting in the Catholic Church. It is improper to nominate oneself or one's immediate family members. General Scouting achievements do not qualify a person to receive the St. George emblem. See the website for the application and guidelines for consideration. <http://Catholicscouting-kcsj.com> Deadline: January 1, 2018

Need a Scholarship? The Catholic Committee on Scouting has an opportunity for you.  
See the application on the following pages for the

**EMMETT J. DOERR MEMORIAL SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP**



# EMMETT J. DOERR MEMORIAL SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP 2018 APPLICATION



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address**

Street / P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Team # \_\_\_\_\_ Crew # \_\_\_\_\_ Ship # \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Chartered To: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Eagle Scout, Venturing Silver or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Ad Altare Dei \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Pope Pius XII \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of academic institution at which you have been  
accepted or to which you have applied:**

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**Name of high school:**

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**Name of church/parish:**

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**Name of (arch)diocese or eparchy:**

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*(NOTE: Additional sheets of paper may be used if needed to answer each of the following sections to the fullest.)*

1) **Document reasons why you should be selected as a recipient of the Emmett J. Doerr Scholarship**

2) **List dates and positions held in Scouting:**

Give a short description of your Eagle Scout or Quartermaster Service Project (if applicable)

List Scouting awards received:

3) **Service to the Church—What have you done or are currently doing, positions held (if any), and for how long? Include any awards you may have received.**

4) **GPA\_\_\_\_\_/Scale\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Honor Society(ies) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Service to the School—What have you done or are currently doing, positions held (if any), and for how long?**

List school awards received:

- 5) Service to the Community - What have you done or are currently doing, positions held (if any), and for how long?**

List community awards received:

- 6) List any other organizations, activities, positions held, length of service, awards received or any other information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider.**