

AD ALTARE DEI

BSA Catholic Religious Emblem Program (Revised 2-8-17)



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What: A Religious Emblem Award for Roman Catholic Boy Scouts. The content of the program covers the seven sacraments of the Church.

When: We will meet monthly on Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm till October 2017. See meeting schedule below.

Where: Seneschal residence, **509 Country Walk Court, Bel Air, MD 21015** (South on MD 24, right at Wheel Road, left at Country Walk Court...509 is on the left near the end of the court.)

Who: We are offering this program to Catholic scouts in *any Troop, in Harford District*. The program is designed for Boy Scouts age 13 - 14. Scout must have completed sixth grade at the beginning of the program. Older scouts are welcome and encouraged to attend, but must be completely finished with the program by age 18.

Counselors:

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Why: The 12th point of the Scout Law: Duty to God; A scout is reverent.

About the program: The workbook consists of 8 chapters, an introduction and a chapter for each sacrament. For each chapter, the scout should expect to spend from 1 to 1.5 hours, completing his homework *before coming to each meeting*. **In summary: the program is designed to help the scouts grow in their Catholic faith by having them read, learn, think and talk about the seven sacraments.**

The program also has some service requirements (Chapter 6). Parental involvement with your scout is strongly encouraged.

Scouts will attend all information sessions, group activities, meetings, board of review and award ceremony in a complete **BSA Class A uniform**. Merit badge sash will be required for the board of review, Scout Mass, ordination and award ceremony. The scouts are required to bring a **Bible** to each session (also the workbook and pen/pencil). The "Catholic Youth Bible" (New American Bible) is ideal.

BSA Youth Protection and Shield requirements: We will follow all BSA and Archdiocese of Baltimore requirements for youth protection.

Group Activities Outside Meeting times:

Day of Reflection: June 10, 2017, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. St. Mary's Church, 1021 St. Mary's road, Pylesville, MD 21132.

Other requirements to attend the Catholic sacraments, such as wedding, baptism, etc., will be accomplished independently by each scout.

Tentative Meeting Schedule and post completion information:

NOTE: Scouts must return a completed and signed Application (Inside page of Manual) by the Day of Reflection on June 10, 2017

June 10, 2017: (Saturday) Day of Reflection, St. Mary's Church, Pylesville

Chapter 1: Sacraments & Sacramentals in Our Daily Life

Chapter 2: Baptism

Chapter 3: Confirmation

June 18, 2017: Chapter 4: Eucharist

August 6, 2017: Chapter 5: Reconciliation

August 27, 2017: Chapter 6: Anointing of the Sick

September 17, 2017: Chapter 7: Holy Orders

October 12, 2017: Chapter 8: Marriage

November 5, 2017: Makeup Day for missed meetings

Board of review: Once all chapters have been signed as complete by the scout, the counselor, and Scoutmaster, a board of review will be scheduled with the Archdiocese of Baltimore Scout Chaplain, Msgr. Thomas Phillips, Pastor, St. Gabriel Church, Woodlawn. The review ensures that the scout has shown growth in his Catholic faith.

After the board of review, the paperwork is turned in to the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Awards will be presented at a parish Mass in an appropriate ceremony.