

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
ARCHBISHOP'S AND CHAPLAIN'S CATHOLIC QUALITY UNIT AWARDS



The purpose of the Unit Award is to give recognition to Catholic-sponsored Packs, Troops, and Crews which exemplify Youth Ministry through Catholic Scouting ideals. The awards are presented by the Archbishop or Bishop at Scout Sunday Services held each year at the Cathedral Basilica.

ARCHBISHOP'S QUALITY UNIT AWARDS

Archbishop's Outstanding Unit
Archbishop's Honor Unit
Archbishop's Merit Unit

Boy Scout Troops

One award in each category for Troops

Venturing Crews

One award in each category for Crews

Each *Outstanding Unit* receives a ribbon bearing the Archbishop's Coat of Arms, as well as neckerchiefs and patches for its members. Each *Honor Unit* and *Merit Unit* receives a ribbon bearing the Archbishop's Coat of Arms, as well as a patch for each member.

CHAPLAIN'S QUALITY UNIT AWARDS

Chaplain's Outstanding
Chaplain's Honor
Chaplain's Merit

Cub Scout Packs

One award in each award group for Packs

The *Outstanding unit* receives a Gold ribbon for the Pack's standard and a patch for each member. The *Honor unit* receives a Royal Blue ribbon for the Pack's standard and a patch for each member. The *Merit unit* receives a White ribbon for the Pack's standard and patch for each member.

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Unit Recognition Application and Requirements

The unit must achieve all of the following to qualify for recognition. List all activities in detail.

Applications are due the first Friday of December.

Out of respect for the many volunteers who review the applications and because of the Christmas holidays, we ask that you please submit your application by the due date. Thank you for your understanding and attention.

Include information from December 1st to November 30th of each year.

** Spiritual Growth, Religious Activities, Vocational Awareness and Service are weighted higher.*

Unit Information

Cub Pack # _____ **Troop #** _____ **Crew#** _____

Catholic Sponsoring Organization _____

Parish _____

✓ **Unit Leader Name** _____

Email _____ Phone _____

✓ **Committee Chairman Name** _____

Email _____ Phone _____

✓ **Charter Organization Representative Name** _____

Email _____ Phone _____

✓ **Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator Name** _____

Email _____ Phone _____

✓ **Unit Religious Emblem Counselor Name** _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Approvals & Signatures Required

✓ **Leader's Signature** _____ Date _____

✓ **Committee Chairman's Signature** _____ Date _____

✓ **Pastor's Signature** _____ Date _____

Catholic Committee Unit Review

Signed _____ Date Unit Leader Contacted _____

Chairman of Unit Award Committee *Members of Unit Award Committee*

Signed _____ Signed _____

Signed _____ Signed _____

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1. **Training/Education** *Indicate Y/N on the line for each question.*
- a. _____ The adults of your unit participate regularly in the training and education programs of the BSA Council, the Office of Catholic Scouting, and the Catholic Committee.
Adult leader training • Religious Emblem Training • Catholic Programs Workshop
- b. _____ The Charter Organization or unit works with has a Trained Catholic Religious Emblems counselor. *Please list contact information on the first page of this application.*
- c. _____ The unit has at least one active Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) who coordinates all religious programs in your unit or parish. The REC should attend the Catholic Program Workshop at least once a year. *Please list contact information on the first page of this application.*
- d. _____ The Charter Representative or a designate has read, discussed with the Charter Head, leadership and members of the committee, *Renewing the Vision, A framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
Books are available at no charge in the Office of Catholic Scouting.
- e. _____ The principal unit leader has completed appropriate BSA leader training based on his or her position in the unit. List Name(s) _____
2. **Leadership** *Indicate Y/N on the line for each question.*
- a. _____ Within the last year, at least one leader has attended the Scouter Development program, a ministry formation program for leaders which is sponsored by the Office of Catholic Scouting and the Catholic Committee on Scouting.
List Name(s) _____
- b. _____ Does your unit committee have a person who annually reviews leadership in your unit for nomination for the St. George and Bronze Pelican awards?
3. * **Service** *Indicate Y/N on the line for each question.*
- a. _____ Service projects must stand on their own merit. Eagle project do not count.
List all projects.
- b. _____ Within the last 12 months, one of the units service projects must have been conducted for its church, /diocesan community, or chartered organization.
List all projects.
4. * **Spiritual Growth** *Indicate Y/N on the line for each question*
- a. _____ The unit had a presentation to its youth and adult members about Catholic religious emblems and award programs within the last year.
- b. _____ At least 50% of the **eligible** Catholic Scouts that are currently registered with the unit received or are actively working on a religious emblem program. (*Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII*)
- c. _____ Did the unit or any Scouts or Adults participate in the following programs: Pope John Paul II, International Awareness, Rosary or Saint Programs or other Catholic programs? **Please list program and number of Scouts and Adults.**

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5. * **Religious Activities** *Indicate Y/N on the line for each question*

a. _____ During the period from December 1st to November 30th did the unit participate in one or more of the following: Retreat, Bible study, Eucharistic Adoration, XLT, Pro-Life activity, Steubenville, REAP retreat, Chastity education, Youth Mass, Cub Day Retreat, Encounter Weekend, Catholic Adventure Week, Day of Recollection, Spirit fest, or similar activity, which was sponsored by your Parish, School, Scout group, Youth group, or the Catholic Youth Apostolate, Office of Catholic Scouting, and Catholic Committee on Scouting. **Please list program and number of Scouts and Adults.**

6. * **Vocational Awareness** *Indicate Y/N on the line for each question*

During the past year, the unit was involved in one or both of the following:

a. _____ **Troop or Crews only**-Training of one or more Chaplain's Aide(s) (*The Training for Chaplain Aids is part of the Troop leader training program*)
List Name(s) _____

b. _____ Participated in a vocation-orientation program, retreat, tour of a Seminary or promoted or participated in Priesthood Sunday at your parish.

7. **Relationships** *Indicate Y/N on the line for each question*

a. _____ One or more registered adults of your unit are active members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting and have a relationship with the staff of the Office of Catholic Scouting. List Name(s) _____

b. _____ **Troop or Crews only** -One or more of your high school or college age scouts belong to the Catholic Committee Youth Staff or have staffed an event or retreat sponsored by the OCS and the CCSBSA.

c. _____ The unit's activities are reviewed annually by the Chartered organization representative, Charter head or a designate, Chaplain and the Committee Chairman to ensure Catholic activities are scheduled each year for the Scouts and Adults.

d. _____ Your unit understands and promotes "Scouting is Youth Ministry " and what the Charter Relationship means in a Catholic Sponsored unit. Your unit continues to build and strengthen the relationship with the sponsoring organization head, to insure Catholic quality programs for youth and adults.

e. _____ The unit has applied for the National Pope Paul VI Quality Unit Award. The Pope Paul VI Quality Unit award is a non-competitive award and is presented in your local Parish or unit.

f. _____ The unit is actively working toward the BSA Quality Unit Award.

Indicate Y/N on the line for each question

8. **Membership** Registered Youth at the beginning of the year _____; at the end of the year _____. Use the numbers of youth according to your charter year.

a. _____ The unit has a plan for growth and increased membership. **Briefly explain on a separate sheet.**