



Archdiocese of St. Louis - Catholic Youth Apostolate - Office of Catholic Scouting

## DIMENSION 5: The Call to Action

# "Christi Cum Nobis"

The **Christi Cum Nobis (Christ With Us)** leader recognition emblem is presented to those Lay Apostolate Formation participants who apply the energy and passion they've experienced here to better or further serve their homes, units, districts, neighborhoods, youth groups, parishes or other communities in which they have an opportunity to actively demonstrate Christ's love to others.

The emblem consists of a monstrance suspended from a "friendship knot" which, in turn, is suspended from an ornate hand-tied knot. The cordage used to tie the knot is yellow (one of the colors of the Papal Flag). The knots represent scouting and the significance of the monstrance is reflected in the emblem's name. It is a visible reminder that:



✠ Jesus IS our friend and that he IS with us; and,

✠ Through our baptism in Christ, we have an obligation to be Christ to others - that is, to truly embrace discipleship.

The process for earning the **Christi Cum Nobis** is, by design, quite simple. The goal is for the participant to focus his or her energy on the activity instead of on over planning and/or reporting. Open yourself to the Holy Spirit and he will provide as much (or as little) direction as is needed. Likewise, YOU know the value of what you are doing and whether or not you're complying with the spirit of what we're trying to accomplish.

To earn the **Christi Cum Nobis**, you only need to:

- discuss with your Facilitator what you intend to do to actively demonstrate Christ's love to others;
- complete your project/activity within one calendar year from the retreat closing date
- notify your Facilitator that you have completed your project/activity; and,
- give a verbal report of 1 to 5 minutes, in person, to your group about the retreat.
- attend one of the Catholic Committee on Scouting quarterly meetings (where the emblem will be presented to you)

If you are a scout leader/adult the emblem can be worn on the Scouting uniform in the (BSA/GSUSA temporary patch position right pocket). No other buttons, pins or other accoutrements are to be affixed to any part of the emblem. A staff pin is presented to Directors and Facilitators which may be worn on the emblem. Earning the **Christi Cum Nobis** emblem does NOT authorized you to wear the purple on silver Adult Religious Emblem square knot (ONLY those who have received the St. George and Silver St. George may do so).

This is our challenge to you to find ONE more thing you can do to make a difference in your group. Obviously, if you are an adult involved in Scouting, the preferred focus is on doing something to further Catholic Scouting. However, there are so many other things that can be done that truly have a positive effect on our young people and our world. Again, the Spirit WILL guide you. Don't bury our Father's gifts to you in the ground, waiting for his return. Use them! Yours in the living Christ, who IS with us...