

YEAR OF FAITH SCOUT PATCH

Diocese of Dodge City introduces Year of Faith scout patch program

The Catholic Committee on Scouting in the Dodge City Diocese has created a scout patch to commemorate the Year of the Faith. It is believed to be the only such religious activity program in the country.

“This (religious activity) will allow Catholic scouts to delve into the Year of Faith more deeply,” said the Most Rev. John B. Brungardt, bishop of Dodge City. “May God bless this project, and may the Scouts grow in their love for Jesus during this Year of Faith.”

The Year of Faith scout patch can be earned by boy scouts, girl scouts, and adult leaders by completing a series of requirements developed for particular age groups. There are requirements for scouts first through fifth grades; sixth through 12th grades, and for adults. [The requirements can be viewed as dcdiocese.org]

The religious activity program can be initiated and completed at anytime during the Year of Faith, Oct. 11, 2012-Nov. 24, 2013. The program is self-administered, with requirements checked by an adult leader or parent.

Patches can be ordered by e-mail at twenzl@dcdiocese.org or by writing: Year of Faith Scout Patch, Diocese of Dodge City, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801. Patches cost \$5.00 each. Checks should be payable to the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Please report number of patches needed and date of awards presentation. For more information contact Tim Wenzl, religious emblems coordinator, at the e-mail address above or by calling (620) 227-1556.

Requirements 1st through 5th grades

Ask a parent or grandparent the following questions:

1. What does your Faith mean to you?
2. What was the Second Vatican Council?
3. Who was the Pope who opened the Second Vatican Council?
4. Who was the Pope at the time the Second Vatican Council concluded?
5. Who was the Bishop from your diocese who attended the Vatican Council?

Plus, do at least three (3) of the following:

1. Repeat/Recite/Read “An Act of Faith” and “The Apostles’ Creed.”
2. With your parent, guardian, or scout leader, spend an hour in prayer during a time of adoration, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in your parish church or before the tabernacle in your parish church or at a church that has perpetual adoration.
3. Write a short prayer that a child like you could repeat from memory asking Jesus to strengthen your Faith.

4. Receive Communion during a Scout Mass either in your parish church or at scout camp.
5. Participate in the Knights of Columbus Vocations Poster contest sponsored by your local parish council.

Requirements 6th through 12th grades

Read one of the following:

Porta Fidei- Apostolic Letter, Benedict XVI

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/motu_proprio/documents/hf_ben-xvi_motu-proprio_20111011_porta-fidei_en.html

Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI on the occasion of the Holy Mass for the New Evangelization

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/homilies/2011/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20111016_nuova-evang_en.html

Plus, do at least three (3) of the following:

1. Memorize “An Act of Faith” and “The Apostles’ Creed.”
2. Learn the name of your Council Father, (the Cardinal, archbishop or bishop who represented your (arch)diocese at the Second Vatican Council).
3. Either alone or with a parent or guardian, spend an hour in prayer during a time of adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in you parish church or before the tabernacle in your parish church or at a church that has perpetual adoration. Ask our Lord to strengthen your Faith.
4. Read “Faith – what is it? Section 21, Chapter 3 in YOUCAT (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church)
5. Invite a friend to Mass, a religious education/youth group activity or CYO social.

Scouter Requirements

Read both of the following:

- **Porta Fidei-** Apostolic Letter, Benedict XVI

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/motu_proprio/documents/hf_ben-xvi_motu-proprio_20111011_porta-fidei_en.html

- **Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI on the occasion of the Holy Mass for the New Evangelization**

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/homilies/2011/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20111016_nuova-evang_en.html

Plus, do at least three (3) of the following:

1. Memorize the prayer, An Act of Faith

2. Learn the name of the Council Father, (the Cardinal, archbishop or bishop who represented your (arch)diocese at the Second Vatican Council).
3. Spend an hour in prayer during a time of adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in you parish church or before the tabernacle in your parish church or at a church that has perpetual adoration.
4. Receive Communion during a Scout Mass either in your parish or at Scout Camp.
5. Read the following pronouncements from the Second Vatican Council
Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (Apostolicam Actuositatem)
Declaration of Religious Freedom (Dignitatis Humanae)
found at: http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/index.htm

And, help at least one scout earn the Year of Faith scout patch.