

## Catholic Youth Ministry

“Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community.”

Essential goals:

1. Empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today;
2. Draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the faith community;
3. Foster the personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

### Goals of Catholic Youth Ministry

The goals of Catholic Youth Ministry match Scouting's three aims:

1. character development
2. preparation for responsible citizenship
3. physical and mental fitness.

Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry, Office for Publishing and Promotion Services, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1997.



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## Catholic Scouting in the Archdiocese of Hartford

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From the Committee on Catholic Scouting

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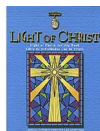
The Catholic Committee on Scouting was established to promote the spiritual, citizenship and character development of Catholics involved in the scouting program. Scouting is recognized as a very important part of the Youth Ministry program within the Archdiocese of Hartford. The Catholic Committee is responsible for:

- Promotion and assistance in training of Catholic youth and adults.
- Promotion of religious emblems programs and recognition.
- Training of religious emblems counselors and leaders in spiritual development.
- Promotion of scouting as a youth ministry for parishes.
- Providing spiritual enrichment for scouts through various activities.
- Recognition of both those who have completed spiritual enrichment programs and those who have given so much of their time and talent.
- Documenting all those who have been trained, attended functions and received recognition.
- Working with other departments of the Office of Religious Education and Evangelization and the scouting community to help fulfill the needs of our youth and leaders.

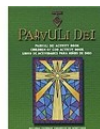
The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis and Catholic Committee on Scouting have materials and services available to promote and enhance the programs within the Archdiocese. The goal of this Committee is to enrich and nurture the spiritual needs of our scouts and leaders.

Catholic Scouting plays an important role in the development of our children's relationship with the Lord and with His Church. We are grateful for our scout leaders and for their many hours of work and dedication. We hope that more of our youth and adults become involved in Catholic Scouting. We also pray that almighty God may continue to bless the work of this important ministry.

## Boy Scouts



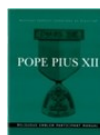
*Light of Christ* (for 6-7 years old) is designed to help the scout build a personal relationship with Jesus.



*Parvuli Dei* (8-10 years old Cub Scouts) is designed to help young boys explore a wide range of activities that will help them discover the presence of God in their everyday life.



*Ad Altare Dei* (for any registered youth in a troop or crew of the Catholic Faith) purpose is to help Catholic scouts develop a fully Christian way of life.



*Pope Pius XII* (for Venturing Crew Members and Boy Scouts 15 years old and older) program, helps the scout more fully develop a Christian way of life within a faith community.

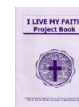
## Girl Scouts



New! *God is Love* (K to 1st grade) helps students discover an appreciation that God created, cares for, and loves us all.



The *Family of God* (grades 2-3) explores a wide range of activities to discover the presence of God.



The *I Live My Faith* program is designed to help Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members (grades 4-6) appreciate God and religion in their daily life.



*Mary, the First Disciple* (grades 7-10) actively involves the participants in an understanding of Mary.



*The Spirit Alive* (grades 9-12) assists them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the Church's ministry.

## Other Religious Activities for both Scouting and Youth Ministry

### Adult Awards

Both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts have adult awards. These adults are nominated for outstanding contributions to Catholic Scouting.

### Rosary Series

The Rosary Series will focus on the four different sets of Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and an activity describing how to pray the rosary. This is an opportunity for the youth and adults alike to learn more about their faith. All youth and leaders are eligible to earn the patch.

### Footsteps of American Saints

This religious activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments inspire all American Catholics.

### The Marian Activity Series

Each activity series examines one of the 19 Marian Feasts commemorated in the US, focusing on how and why the Church has honored Mary throughout history.

### Women in Scripture

This series focuses on individuals who lived lives of courage and faithfulness. These women often fanned the flame of faith in families and communities, and were the backbone of the Church and faith since the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

### Models of Faith

Throughout the long history of the Catholic Church, women and men have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to stand up for the faith in their midst of great trials and at deep personal risk.