

RECOMMENDATION FOR

THE **Saint George**
Emblem



CANDIDATE

NAME _____ NAME OF SPOUSE _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PARISH _____ ARCH/DIOCESE _____

REGISTERED IN SCOUTING AS _____ COUNCIL _____

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER _____

TELEPHONE - RESIDENCE _____ OFFICE _____

PARISH APPROVAL

On _____, the candidate's pastor _____ approved the
Date Name
candidate as worthy of receiving this emblem.

Signed _____
Scout Chaplain

ARCHDIOCESAN / DIOCESAN APPROVAL

The St. George Selection Committee of the archdiocese / diocese of _____

certifies that the record of service of this candidate has been carefully reviewed and that this candidate meets the requirements for this emblem as approved by the ordinary.

Date _____ Signed _____
Chairman, Selection Committee

RECORD FOR CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING OFFICE

DATE EMBLEM ORDERED _____ DATE EMBLEM PRESENTED _____

DATE EMBLEM RECEIVED _____ BY _____

EMBLEM NO. _____ ARCHDIOCESE / DIOCESE OF _____

RECORD OF CANDIDATE

(Describe OUTSTANDING service to the SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT of Catholic youth in the Scouting apostolate.)

In a brief biography please give pertinent facts, dates, honors, and offices held in parish and diocese, in the

Boy Scouts of America program, and in other community organizations, businesses, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, and other fields. Please use the "Guide for Selection Committee" as a help in listing those services pertinent, especially to Scouting under Catholic auspices.

RECOMMENDED BY		
Name _____	Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____
Address _____		City _____
State _____	ZIP _____	Date Submitted _____

A. Offices held in the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Scouting apostolate (use additional pages as necessary):

B. Offices held in the Boy Scouts of America (use additional pages as necessary):

C. Offices held in the parish and/or archdiocese/diocese (use additional pages as necessary):

D. Offices held in other community organizations (use additional pages as necessary):

INSTRUCTIONS

The St. George Emblem is a national recognition approved by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. It may be presented to any adult who is working in the Scouting program. It may be given to clerics, laity, or Scouters of other faiths.

The purpose of this program is to recognize the recipient's outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

There shall be permitted annually one emblem for each archdiocese/diocese plus one for every 20 Catholic units or fractions thereof with emphasis on the importance of being selective, and that there be no feeling

that the full quota *must* be used every year. *No honorary recognitions are to be made.*

The recipients of the emblem are to be *sought after* and selected by an active committee of at least five members. This committee is to be newly appointed annually by the archdiocesan/diocesan Scout chaplain at least 90 days before date set for emblem presentation.

Recommendations should carefully detail how the nominee meets the guidelines for selection. Other awards are presented for general Scouting achievements by districts, local councils, regions, and the national office. The St. George recommendations are evaluated on the basis of the guidelines described.

GUIDE FOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

Following are some guidelines for selecting St. George Emblem candidates. These suggestions are offered as a guide only; however, they are indicative of some of the things that the selection committee should be looking for. This list is not inclusive as there are many other areas that could be considered.

- A. Promote the religious emblems program for Catholic youth and serve as a counselor. Encourage non-Catholic youth to participate in the religious emblems program of their faith.
- B. Notable service in promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the church and willingness to serve on like committees.
- C. Active participation in the Scouter development program, Scout retreats and days of recollection—instrumental in having others participate.
- D. Outstanding service in promoting and participating in Scout Sunday observance.
- E. Notable service in bringing Scouting to more youth under Catholic auspices.
- F. Assist parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting Scoutmasters and other key leaders.

- G. One who is fully trained in the skills of Scouting and outstanding for his or her sense of responsibility, humility, and good example.
- H. Responsible for Catholic youth being transported to mass at camporees and summer camps and providing for spiritual needs of the non-Catholics within these groups.
- I. Encourage the true spirit of ecumenism as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership within various Scouting units under Catholic auspices.
- J. Instrumental in organizing and assisting diocesan Together-We-Organize programs and promoting the full Scouting program in all parishes including multiple units where needed.
- K. Making a significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationships.
- L. Through the Catholic press and other communication media, create a better understanding of the aims and ideals of Scouting by clergy and laity.
- M. Give leadership in promoting Scouting for all youth regardless of race or creed and instrumental in organizing Scouting units in the inner city.

NOTE: Work accomplishment and dedication rather than a specific number of years in Scouting should be the criteria for receiving this emblem.

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, having observed the use and value of an emblem presented to adults for outstanding service to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Scouting program, approved the St. George Emblem in 1955. St. George, who died a martyr in the year 303, was the patron saint of knighthood and of England. All Scouts and Scouters are familiar with the St. George flag. The principal order of knighthood in England was placed under the patronage of St. George. The feast day of St. George, April 23, was a national holiday and a holy day of obligation for English Catholics for many years.

Early stories of St. George's knighthood describe his public witnessing of his faith, his arrest, brave suffering, and martyrdom. A later legend, which added a

description of St. George as a knight who rescued the king's daughter in Libya, was probably responsible for much of the popularity given to St. George as a defender of virtue, even at the risk of life itself, and as a person who spent his own life in the service of others.

St. George is an appropriate patron saint for Scouting, whose ideals describe many of the virtues demanded of those who would be knights. Likewise, Scouts and Scouters are called upon to make a public commitment to their ideals. The St. George Emblem identifies and gives recognition to members of the laity and clergy, Scouters and non-Scouters alike, who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of youth in Scouting under Catholic auspices.

Send recommendation form to:

Selection Committee
Archdiocese Catholic Committee on Scouting
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