

## ***Scholarship for Catholic Eagle Scouts***

High school aged scouts who have earned the Ad Altare Dei or the Pope Pius XII award in addition to Eagle Scout may be interested in the Emmett J. Doer Memorial Scholarship.

For more information: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/college-scholarship>

## ***Religious Emblems Programs***

### **CATHOLIC BOY SCOUT EMBLEMS**

Scouts meet as a group with trained counselors. The requirements are required to complete activities in a workbook and to demonstrate what they have learned verbally and through a variety of media. Scouts are expected to be active members of the church. Activities outside of group meetings may include attendance at a retreat and service projects. More Information: National Catholic Committee on Scouting: [www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems](http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems)

### **AD ALTARE DEI (To the altar of God)**

The purpose is to develop a fully Christian way of life in a faith community. It is organized into chapters based on the seven Sacraments. Eligibility requirements include: 1) Practicing Roman Catholic; 2) Regular participant at mass. 3) Active in troop for 6 months before beginning the program. 4) Grades 6-8. Completion time ranges from 9-12 months. The program is run in a group setting led by a trained religious emblems counselor.

### **POPE PIUS XII**

This program is designed for Boy Scouts and Venturers high school and college age up to age 20. The purpose is to develop a Christian way of life within a faith community. The goals are to explore what it means to be called by God through the Sacraments of Initiation, to explore various "life states," various professions and occupations, to examine various ministries, to examine the Church's definition of vocation and to explore the effect of faith and a call from God has on daily life. Completion time is a minimum of 3 months. The program is run in a group setting led by a trained religious emblems counselor.

**More Information: National Catholic Committee on Scouting: [www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems](http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems)**

### **Protestant and other independent Christian Churches**

Materials are available at the council service center or PRAY. <https://www.praypub.org> 1 800-933-7729. The following take 4- 8 weeks to complete. The religious leader or a designee e.g. a religion teacher are responsible for helping the scout. The programs may also be completed at home after consulting the pastor.

### **PROCEDURES**

1. Order the appropriate P.R.A.Y. program booklets based on your grade.

2. Meet with your pastor, show them the booklets, and choose a counselor together.
3. Complete the requirements under the supervision of your counselor/ parent.
4. Present your work to the pastor for final approval.
5. Order the recognition items online, or by sending the application form to P.R.A.Y.
6. Plan a special ceremony in church to receive your award.

**God and Church** (Protestant and independent Christian churches) This may be earned by scouts in grades 6-8. The purpose of the To strengthen young people's relationship. with Christ, to challenge young people to learn about and participate in the worship and ministry of the church, to have young people make a plan for daily Bible reading and memorize a creed or statement of belief or passage of scripture and to provide the opportunity for young people to experience the joy of serving others

**God and Life Protestant and independent Christian churches** This program is for youth in Grades 9 – 12 It provide opportunities for young people to strengthen their relationship with Christ, to open to God's calling in their lives, to make a plan for daily Bible reading, to experience the joy of serving others and to write a statement of commitment.

### **Jewish**

**Ner Tamid: This** emblem is for scouts in grades 6-8 while working with a counselor. It is possible that pre- and post-bar mitzvah learning will incorporate the requirements found in the Ner Tamid religious emblem.

**Etz Chaim ("tree of life")**: This program is for youth in grades 9-12. The rigorous requirements take many months to achieve and can only be accomplished by working with a counselor.

For more information: <http://www.jewishscouting.org/boy-scout-religious-emblems/>

For questions about purchasing emblems or awards for the Jewish faith, you may reach P.R.A.Y. by calling 1-800-933-7729 or via email at [info@praypub.org](mailto:info@praypub.org).

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