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LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

The Reverent Scout

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Ad Altare Dei and Pius XII Presentation Mass—April 27th, 2003

The presentation mass for the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious emblems will be held on April 27th, 2003 at the Queen of Angels Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. Presiding at the presentation mass will be Cardinal Roger Mahoney. The presentation will take place at the regular 10:00 a.m. mass at the Cathedral.

Parking for the new cathedral is limited and all are encouraged to carpool.

The cathedral holds approximately 3,000 people. Our goal is to fill the cathedral with a sea of Boy

Scout uniforms.

At this same mass the Los Angeles Catholic Committee on Scouting will present Cardinal Mahoney with the St George award for his contributions to our catholic Scouting community.



Ad Altare Dei Catholic Religious Emblem

community.

Scouts and Scouters from across the entire archdiocese are encouraged to attend this mass to help honor this year's Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious emblem recipients. Help us to show the archdiocese the importance of Scouting in our catholic community and to congratulate Cardinal Mahoney.

Remember the applications for AAD and Pius must be postmarked by March 10th, 2003.

See you at the Mass on April 27th.

Catholic Scout Retreat XI—2002 - A Review

On September 27—29, 2002, 651 scouts and scouters from across the Los Angeles Archdiocese came to Veteran's Park in Sylmar to experience the our annual Catholic Scout Retreat. The theme for the retreat this year was "Tolerance" and the Patron Saint was Ignatius of Loyola.

Scouts spent their morning in discussion groups to talk about readings from the Bible. Groups discussed Tolerance

in their minds as well as in their actions.

Scouts participated in masses that were geared to their age group on Saturday. Saturday night scouts who braved the wet evening attended a Benediction Ceremony with Bishop Edward Clark.

At Sunday Mass all were treated to the coming of the sun, and a game at morning to pack up and hit the road.

Calendar of Events

St George Applications Due	10/31
LACCS Quarterly Meeting	11/10
Pelican Applications Due	11/30
LACCS Executive Board	12/9
LACCS Quarterly	1/12
LACCS Executive Board	2/12
Adult Leader Awards Dinner	3/6



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Catholic Scout Retreat XII—2003

Our annual Catholic Scout Retreat XII is scheduled for October 3—5, 2003. We will return to Veteran's Park in Sylmar, California for this wonderful event.

have been set as facilitator training dates: July 24, 2003, August 14, 2003, and September 11, 2003. We encour

age all people who are interested in being a facilitator to come to one of these training sessions to better learn the theme material prior to the retreat.

The theme and patron sa are chosen from evaluations of the previous year.

The theme for 2003 will be Courage. And our Patron Saint for 2003 will be Jo Arc.

Again we will need approximately 50 facilitators in order to provide the discussion groups for our retreat.

The following dates



Theme for 2003—Courage Patron

quality of the retreat program is reliant upon the fitness of our facilitators.

If you are interested in being a retreat facilitator, please contact Andy Beard at (626) 2831 in order to be added to the list to receive further information on facilitator training.

Scouter Development: "A Chance to Fill the Glass" .

When asked what attendees expected from Scouter Development, response varied from "A chance to recharge my batteries," to "a chance to fill the cup back up," to "to come closer to God."

the weekend everybody discussed their feelings to the themes of "The Call to Leadership," "The call to Holiness," and "The call to Conversion."

Great discussions and sharing of ideas occurred

planned a Scout's Own Service for Sunday morning attended by a local pack, Troop 99 from the West San Fernando Valley, and the participants of the Scouter Development.

A word from our Chaplain—LACCS Chaplain—Dn. Wayne Rascati

A Scout is Reverent! The last point of the Scout Law! Don't subtract any significance from its meaning because of its position. The first eleven points all point to this final and significant value of Scouting. The first eleven all contain within them the twelfth point.

To illustrate my point I would like to draw on the example that I use with the *Ad Altare Dei* Scouts when we discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I use as a discussion point in Question B.6 of this chapter the determination of how they know what sins to discuss with a priest when they enter the confessional. Some tell me they make up the traditional "laundry list". Others tell me

they just say what comes to their mind. Others say they have some handout that they received in religion class. I ask them if they have ever considered meditating on the 12 points of the Scout Law. Chances are if they adhere to one of the 12 point Scout Law they have some need to discuss with a priest. amazing how many have returned to me how rewarding this is to them after they used this examination of conscience.

I would be misleading you if



said that I originated this means of self-examination. I learned this method in my AAD sessions back in 1960 in Elizabeth, NJ. It was contained in the book *A Catholic Manual for Scouts* which had the AAD requirements of that time and what is now A Scout is Reverent. Next time you make peace the Sacrament of Reconciliation urge you to meditate on the Scout Law. The lesson I learned over 40 years ago still drives me as a priest today.

Please do not get into a personal argument with the youth of the sin they have committed. That is a matter between them and their confessor.



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Religious Emblems for Cub Scouts.

The religious emblems program for Cub Scouts features two awards. For Tiger Cubs (first grade) there is the Right of Christ Award. And Cub Scouts may achieve the Parvuli Dei award.



Parvuli Dei -- Cub Scout Catholic Religious Emblem

These awards are the beginning steps to the Catholic Boy Scout Religious Emblems program.

Applications can be obtained from the LACCS Secretary, Andy Beard. They can be requested by mail (544 S. 1st Ave. #5—Covina, CA 91723) by FAX (714) 695-0966, or by e-mail (avb1965@aol.com).

must be forwarded with the last page of the Activity Book. A check for the total cost of award must be enclosed with your order. Please send your Order form, Cub Scout's application and check to: Catholic Committee on Scouting

544 S. 1st Ave. #5—Covina, CA 91723.

Please allow 21 days from

the postmark of your order for delivery. Currently we are well stocked on medals and certificates, but the heavy time of the year will be around the First of February and Scout Sunday.

Making the presentations to the scouts should be a very special time. The best method of the award presentation would be to present the award during a mass at your parish. It is very important for your parish to see our young scouts participating in their catholic community. Scout Sunday is a very appropriate time to make these special presentations.

Quarterly Meeting

Every quarter the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Committee on Scouting meets to discuss the progress we make in our catholic scouting communities.

Our next quarterly meeting will take place on November 10, 2002. The location for the meeting will be the Scout Houses at South Gate Park—

just west of the intersection of Tweedy and Atlantic in South Gate. Our meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. We will have a retreat planning session at 12:30 p.m. prior to the meeting. If you would like to have input into next year's retreat as well as the actions of our Catholic Committee on Scouting,

it is very important to be a part of this meeting. We hope to see many people at this meeting so we can share the load of the committee and benefit from the group's synergism.

Thank you in advance for your attendance.

Chairman' Corner - LACCS Chairman—Jim Shivers



The past retreat was very inspiring to me in many ways: 1. More young Scouters and Senior scouts came forward to be an active part of the retreat. 2. We have gained an excellent core of retreat leaders for years to come. 3. The scouts of all ages responded very positively to the retreat program and the active involvement of 4 deacons, 3

priests, and 1 bishop. We had fun and all learned that God loves his children in many ways.

I would like to take a moment to thank Eileen Gallagher for her many years of service to the LACCS as Secretary. Eileen was instrumental for many years in the

production of this letter and arranging our awards. Thank you one and all for your commitment to our youth, the future of our faith and country.

See you at the Ad Altare and Pope Pius XII awards presentation Sunday April 27, 2003 10:00 a.m. at the New Cathedral.