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Chairman's Corner

As this year "races" to a close I wanted to take a minute to thank each of you for your efforts in support of Scouting and our Catholic youth. Remember that what may not seem significant to you can have a huge impact on a Scout. Please check the Catholic Committee on Scouting's website at www.ccsala.org. You'll find a calendar, telephone and email contacts, plus information and pictures on the many awards and events sponsored by the Committee.

I also would like to encourage you to invite others to become involved with the Catholic Committee on Scouting in your Council. Consider training to become a religious emblems counselor and ask a friend to join you. If you are involved with a unit chartered to a Catholic parish, school or organization, lead the unit in earning the Pope Paul VI National Unit Award. Plan now to have your unit attend the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII

Scouter Development - 2005

From throughout the Archdiocese 16 Scouters gathered at the quiet and serene Camp Rancho Alegre. It is located above Santa Barbara and across from Lake Cachuma. They came as Catholics who have been in Scouting, some for a few years, others for several years and others considering to become involved in Scouting again.

They left with a better understanding of leadership, holiness and a commitment to Catholic Scouting. They were busy, yet had time to think and to marvel

Awards Presentation Mass on May 21, 2006. Put the Catholic Scout Retreat on the unit calendar for next year – October 6-8, 2006. Schedule your unit leaders and Venturing Crews to attend Scouter Development in November, it's a great weekend of prayer, reflection and relaxation. And finally don't forget to recognize the leaders in your units, the annual Adult Recognition dinner honors those who have earned the Bronze Pelican, those selected to receive the St. George Award and the recipient of the Msgr. James E. Dolan Award.

Last Sunday the homily at the 11:00 AM liturgy in my parish reminded us that it is Jesus Christ who will soon be coming to town. God became man to reveal to us the depths of his love. His love is undeserved and is ours for the asking. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.
-Bill Cole

at the beauty of nature. It could have been the flock of wild turkeys, the herds of deer, the squirrels, the bevy of quail or the stars that could be seen without the brightness of city lights. It all came together as they paused to reflect. Upon leaving they returned from civilization to the world.

The Mass was at the Mission Santa Ines. We were welcomed by the pastor, Father Michael, O.F.M.Cap. Several parishioners said it was good to see us again and said "has another year gone by?"

For many years we have been a very active part of their Saturday 5 PM liturgy as lector, gift bearers and Eucharistic Ministers. This year our Chaplain Dcn. Wayne was also the Deacon of the Mass and homilist.

Back at the Ranch Dcn. Wayne introduced us to the Liturgy of the Hours Apostolate with their morning and evening prayer.

We have all gained from this encounter with God and our Scouting and became Extraordinary Catholic Scouters and the future of Catholic Scouting.

Quarterly Meeting

Every quarter the Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles meets to discuss the progress we make in our Catholic Scouting communities. Our next quarterly meeting will be January 8, 2006, at San Gabriel Valley Council Smiser Scout Center.

The meeting begins at 1:30 P.M. preceded by a Retreat Committee meeting at 12 Noon. If you

would like to have input into the actions of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, or you just want to observe the meeting and see what is going on, please join us. We hope to see many people at this meeting, and would love to share the load of the Committee, both in its work and its ideas. Thank you in advance for your attendance.

Theme & Patron Saints set for Retreat XV-2006

CCSALA's last quarterly meeting approved "Evangelization" as the Theme of Retreat XV-2006, which is being held in Veteran's Memorial Park from October 6 to 8, 2006. In keeping with that theme, St. Isaac Jogues and the seven other American Martyrs were selected as the Patron Saints for the retreat. A free retreat campership is offered to the first 5 Scouts in each age group (Raphael etc. from the Retreat) who can name the

other seven; email your entry to webmaster@laccs.org.

Retreat XV-2006 will feature Teepee's in the main assembly area, Native American Costume and Dance demonstrations courtesy of the OA Lodges in the Archdiocese, and Indian Lore merit Badge counselors for scouts interested in pursuing that activity.

OA Volunteers Needed to Bring Teepees for Retreat XV-2006

Calling all Order of the Arrow lodges across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles! The Catholic Scouting Committee needs OA volunteers to bring Teepees

that can be erected at next fall's Retreat XV-2006. Also, we need OA dance teams to demonstrate their costumes & dancing skills.

Retreat Patch Design Contest – Deadline April 3, 2006

The grand-prize winner of the Patch Design Contest for Retreat XV-2006 will receive camperships for 10 members of his or her unit. Contest rules are simple: (1) the patch must be oval-shaped 4 in. high by 3 in. wide; (2) it must contain the following words *someplace* on the patch (you decide where): Catholic Scout Retreat XV-2006; Evangelization;

American Martyrs; Archdiocese of Los Angeles; and (3) any other words, pictures, or symbols are optional but should be consistent with the Theme of the retreat. Please mail your design by the April 3, 2006 postmark deadline to John Lorentz, 28741 Pisces Street, Agoura Hills, CA 91301, or email it to webmaster@laccs.org.

Will Your Unit Earn the Pope Paul VI Award This Year?

Every Catholic sponsored unit is eligible to earn the Pope Paul VI National Unit Recognition awarded by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). Cooperation, development, and program are the key words in the recognition of Catholic chartered units in earning the Pope Paul VI unit recognition award. The adult leadership responds to training not only in Scouting lore, but in training in

the Catholic Scouter Development, and religious counseling. The Scouts in each Pack, Troop, Crew, and Post respond by participating in the religious emblems programs respective of their status in Scouting. Requirements and application forms are available at the NCCS website, www.nccs-bsa.org.

Help Wanted

The Los Angeles Catholic Committee on Scouting is in need of a Webmaster for our website. This will include keeping the calendar up to date and

posting submitted pictures of the various Scouting events. If you are interested contact webmaster@laccs.org.

St. George and Bronze Pelican recipients for 2006

We are proud to announce at our annual Adult award Dinner the St. George Emblems and Bronze Pelican Awards will be presented.

The St. George Emblem is a national recognition presented on the Archdiocesan level to adults in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth within the program of the Boy Scouts of America. This year the recipients are:

Fr. Joel Henson, Director of Students of St. John's Seminary, Camarillo – VCC

Fr. Eugene Herbert, Pastor Annunciation Parish, Monrovia – SGVC

Art Karma, Pack-3192, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Ventura – VCC

Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, Pastor and Rector of the Cathedral of Our lady of the Angels, Los Angeles – LAAC

Mary L. Oleinik, Chairperson for the CCSLAAC and Secretary for the CCSALA, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Downey Parish – LAAC

Sue Peak, AAD Counselor, St. Clare Parish, Canyon Country – WLACC

David P. Shellman, Troop Committee T-888, St. Louise de Marillac Parish Covina – CCGSCF

Monsignor James E. Dolan Award

The Monsignor James E. Dolan Award Committee is pleased to announce that this year's award will go to Father Norm Supancheck. Father Norm has actively supported the Catholic Scouting programs for many years. The committee is made up of

A Scout is Reverent in Patches

Scouting provides numerous ways for youth to practice their Duty to God. The Los Angeles Catholic Committee on Scouting has created a "Patch Memories" set to commemorate events such as Scout Sunday, The 10 Commandments Hike,

Sharon Shellman, Chairperson of the Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Campfire – Archdiocese of Los Angeles, St. Louise de Marillac Parish, Covina – CCGSCF

The Bronze Pelican is an Archdiocesan Award earned by men and women who have contributed actively to the program for Catholic Scouts and who have met certain local requirements with respect to Scouter Development and the Religious Emblem program. This year the recipients are:

J. Kim Bond, ASM T-753, St. Julie Parish, Newbury Park – VCC

Rose Bond, Committee Member T-753, St. Julie Parish, Newbury Park – VCC

Enrique Ramirez, facilitator Catholic Scout Retreat, St. Martha Parish – SGVC

Please help us congratulate these fine Scouters and Priests, who are there for Catholic Scouting, at our annual Adult Awards Dinner Saturday March 4th at Holy Cross Parish, Moorpark. This is best done by inviting your family, Scouting friends and others to this very fine occasion. The formal invitations will be in the mail shortly.

former award recipients. This year's committee was Father Jim Maher, Eileen Gallagher and Tom Nishikubo. The award will be presented at the annual Adult Awards Dinner in March.

Catholic Retreat and more. This patch set is a wonderful way to encourage year-round, faith-based activities with your Scouting youth. The patch can be purchased singularly or in the whole. The header patch, which states that a Scout is reverent, is \$5,

and each event patch is \$2. The complete set is \$21. It can be worn by youth or adults on the left side of the Scout uniform. For information, or to

purchase patches, contact Mary Oleinik at 562-862-0964 or by e-mail at mlleinik@yahoo.com for more information.

Religious Education Congress

There are many advantages to living in Southern California. One of the best is that the largest worldwide Catholic education event is held annually at the Anaheim Convention Center. An incredible variety of topics are offered at the sessions, over 275, and many are recorded (because there are always two you really want to attend scheduled at the same time). You can buy books, cd's, rosaries, pictures, vestments, candles, soup, and pick up information from religious orders, colleges, and charities. There are free concerts and

themed Liturgies. The three-day event offers a renewal and recharging of spirit unlike any other. If you have attended before, you know. If you have not attended, it is something you really should not miss. The Archdiocesan Committee participates with a Girl Scout/Boy Scout/Campfire Ministries booth, providing information on Catholic Scouting. Come by and say hello! Congress will be held March 31 through April 2, 2006, and costs \$55 if you register by February 6. Further information and online registration are available at RECongress.org.

Hurricane Katrina

Among the many casualties of Hurricane Katrina was the Scouting program. Six council offices in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama were forced to close completely, and others suffered damages. BSA employees lost not only their homes and possessions, but their jobs. Scouts and Scouters were scattered by the evacuation and equipment, records, and meeting places were lost. The National Council established the Hurricane Katrina

BSA Relief Fund. At the Catholic Scout Retreat, a collection was taken at the Sunday Mass for the Relief Fund. Thanks to the generous donations of the Scouts and Scouters in attendance \$432.04 was made to the Fund to help the Scouting program recover. Anyone interested in making a donation to the Relief Fund can obtain information at scoutingfriends.org.

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February 13, 2006
March 4, 2006
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