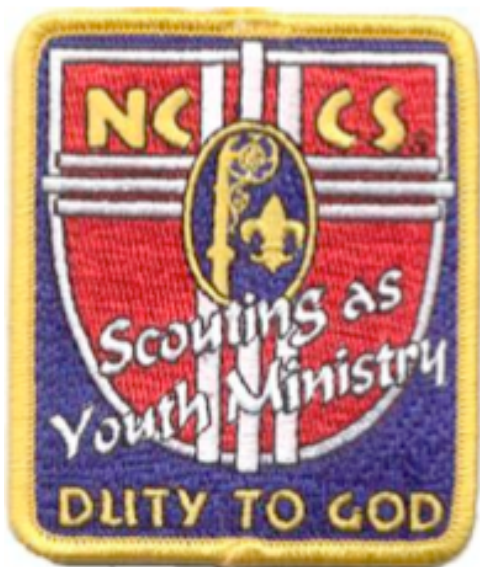


Activity & Leadership Opportunities to Support Parish, Charter Organization and Troop



Duty to God - Recognition

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting uses programs in the Boy Scouts of America to instill in Catholic adults and youth the tenets of their Catholic Faith. Toward this end, the "Duty to God" patch is made available to those who assist in accomplishing this goal. This is not an award, but rather is given in recognition to those who contribute and support Catholic Scouting, including:

- Youth Ministers - DRE's
- Adult Leaders - Pack, Troop, Venture Crews
- Religious Emblems Counselors
- Troops working on/Completing Religious Emblem(s)
- Clergy - Priests, Religious, Bishops supporting Scouting
- Youth/Adult completing service project or attending retreat
- Participants in programs encouraging new units sponsored by Knights of Columbus



Footsteps of American Saints Program

This program honors men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, deeds, devotion to prayer and sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. All of their lives and work have had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape.

Venerable Michael McGivney – Activity

See: nccs-bsa.org/activities/VenerableMichaelMcGivney.php

- Credited with starting the Knights of Columbus
- Requirements online include: (1) Invite an officer of a local K of C Council to speak to your group. Alternatively, attend an event sponsored by K of C with your unit. (2) Organize your group to do a charitable activity through your parish or K of C Council. (<http://knightsforcolumbus8989.org/>)



Messengers of Peace (MOP) – Service Award

Messengers of Peace is a global Scouting initiative aimed at encouraging youth to work toward peace. Scouts from around the world share their efforts to inspire projects in other scouts.

Project Ideas Include:

Personal Dimension:

- Book drive for inner-city school
- Visit nursing home or VA Hospital residents
- Participate in charitable efforts of an organization

Community Dimension:

- Build a community prayer or meditation garden
- Host a day of games, sports, and activities that brings together kids from different segments of your community

Environmental Dimension:

- Conduct a park, school ground, campground, or river clean-up day
- Remove invasive species

MOP Project Coordinator: Scoutmaster-assigned leadership position for rank advancement, Scouts 1st Class or above