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Introduction

Purpose of this Report: This report summarizes the fundamental goals of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and objective progress made over the past year in achieving them.

HIGHLIGHTS – Last year featured the following major accomplishments by the NCCS:

- A Third Rosary activity program (Sorrowful Mysteries) was introduced and the Joyful Mysteries and Luminous Mysteries Patches were extended.
- Our numbers, like the BSA, have slipped over the past year. However, the new Membership Growth Plan, a new Knights of Columbus/NCCS membership collaboration and plans discussing possibly sponsoring Scout units on military bases should reverse that slide.
- Theodore Cardinal McCarrick was the principal concelebrant at the Jamboree Mass with Archbishop O’Brien (Military Services Archdiocese), Bishop DiLorenzo (Diocese of Richmond), Bishop Gettellfinger (NCCS Bishop Liaison) and 22 Jamboree priests. More than 12,000 Scouts and Scouters attended.
- NCCS Bishop Liaison with the USCCB, Most Rev. Gerald A. Gettellfinger, was presented the Silver Buffalo at the BSA Annual Meeting in Dallas.
- The NCCS Executive Board approved a new $100,000 International Endowment program in support of Central and South America Catholic Scouting.

NCCS Mission and Authority

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) exists to utilize and ensure the constructive use of the program of the BSA as a viable form of youth ministry with Catholic Youth of our nation.

The NCCS is a committee of concerned Catholic Laity and Clergy, advisory to the Boy Scouts of America, and relates to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) through its NCCS Bishop Liaison.

BSA Mission

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping instill values in young people, and to prepare them to make ethical decisions during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we try to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

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Catholic Values, Programs, and Activities

Building Units with Catholic Identity

The goals of Catholic youth ministry are:

1. To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today,
2. To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
3. To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

The NCCS addresses these goals by:

• Encouraging the formation and support of Catholic-chartered units.
• Supporting Diocesan Catholic Boy Scouting Committees.
• Offering Catholic programs complementary to BSA programs.
• Providing formation and activity training for leaders and youth.

Dialogue on Leadership Standards

Catholic Scouting is built on standards and core values. A principal attraction of Scouting as youth ministry is its adaptability to the mission of its chartered organizations. The right of the BSA to enforce its membership and leadership standards has been the subject of several challenges and the U. S. Supreme Court has upheld the BSA right to freedom of association. We will continue to advocate Catholic values to the BSA.

• In June of 2002 the Catholic bishops of the United States adopted a Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People that mandates all dioceses and eparchies to develop new structures and processes for youth protection. As a result, dioceses have developed written guidelines to make and maintain safe environments for children and youth and have instituted plans for certification and training of all youth leaders that include criminal background checks. The NCCS fully endorses these efforts and encourages the use of proven BSA Youth Protection training programs for these purposes.

• On April 1, 2003 the Boy Scouts of America began performing criminal background checks for all new adult volunteer applicants. This process is a supplement to the application process that requires approval of the chartered organization and reference checks. This is the latest step in a program of youth protection that has been in place for more than fifteen years.

• The NCCS amended its bylaws in 2003 to require BSA registration as a prerequisite for NCCS membership and verification of registration is required annually.

• Since volunteer leadership certification procedures for youth programs are directed by diocesan policies, there is great variety. The NCCS is continuing to advocate national uniformity to these procedures for Scouting volunteers.
Catholic Values, Programs, and Activities (Continued)

The NCCS develops programs and activities to supplement the secular scouting program and these are delivered through the operations of local Arch/Diocesan/Eparchy Scout Committees.

• NCCS entered into a new vendor relationship with St. Mary's Press, Winona, MN. St. Mary's Press in the future will be the print vendor for NCCS Religious Emblem products. St. Mary's Press is also a new retail outlet for the purchase of NCCS Religious Emblems books.


• NCCS approved a complete bilingual English/Spanish edition of Parvuli Dei Cub Scout Religious Emblem book; it will be available January 1, 2007.

• NCCS has begun revision of the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem book. The goal is to update the appearance as well as minor edits to reflect recent changes in the Catholic Church. Work continued on this project at the 39th Biennial NCCS meeting in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

• The Venturing Division of Boy Scouts of America has modified the requirements of their Trust Award. Catholic Venturers are now required to earn Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem prior to earning the Trust Award.

• NCCS has reaffirmed its position that the Bronze Pelican is a local recognition to be used by the local Arch/Diocesan/Eparchy to recognize adults. The local Arch/Diocesan/Eparchy establishes the requirements to receive the Bronze Pelican. This is not a national recognition.

• Catholic religious emblems programs continue to be successfully implemented in most dioceses. Catholic emblems bucked the national declining trend of -3% and posted an increase in overall youth emblems earned of 7.6%. A continuing national decline in Cub awards maybe related to the drop in the total number of youth in Cub Scouting. Catholic Religious Emblems were presented as shown in the table below:

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Source: Relationships Division BSA

• A Rosary activity program was begun in 2003 and is planned to run for at least four years with a new and different patch each year celebrating the Mysteries of the Rosary. These activity programs have become extremely popular with Cub and Scout programs and, as they are not restricted to scouting, have also been incorporated into Catholic school and parish religious education programs. Approximately 45,000 Joyful Mysteries patches (first year patch), 28,000 Luminous Mysteries patches (second year patches) and 17,000 Sorrowful Mysteries (third year patches) have been sold to date. The fourth year patch, Glorious Mysteries, will be available July 2006.

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Catholic Values, Programs, and Activities ( Continued )

Programs and Activities, (continued)

- Thirty-one units were given Gold Medallion award for their achievements in 2005. This represented an increase from 29 in 2004 and included at least one award from every region except one. The newly formed Region 15, consisting of Eastern Catholic Churches, recognized their first recipient. The Gold Medallion was started to recognize the highest quality units in each region. The requirements build on the Pope Paul VI National Unit Recognition. Diocesan committees nominate units for selection by regional leadership. Every unit nominated receives a Certificate of Achievement.

- The NCCS believes that the Learning for Life program can be a valuable tool for Catholic Schools as long as the program is accompanied by organized lessons on the Catholic moral teachings that are the underpinning for decision-making and moral behavior. It must be understood that the use of Learning for Life in Catholic Schools should have the approval of the diocesan Catholic School office or its equivalent. However these programs do not fall under the responsibilities of NCCS.

Special Events

To give a direct witness to Catholic values the NCCS staffs several national and international events for participation by Scout youth and adult leaders.

- The 2005 summer season marked the beginning of our “Next 50 Years” of Catholic Chaplaincy at Philmont under the auspices of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.
  - Our ministry and service are provided for both participants and Staff (both seasonal and permanent) on both “sides of the road,” i.e., Camping Headquarters and Philmont Training Center. We followed the staffing model with one seminarian and two priests for the season.
  - During the course of the season eight different priests and Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger served as priest-chaplains. Our seminarian was a former USA Olympic Athlete Once again we were able to provide evening mass for every camping day.
  - This coming season we will also have a full staff, including a seminarian (a nationally-ranked race walker) and nine priests.
  - 2006 will also see the next “edition” of the St. George Trek in mid-July, which will serve 70 youth with two Bishops, numerous priests and seminarians and two religious woman (nuns) as Advisors.

- Most Reverend Gerald A. Gettelfinger, NCCS Bishop Liaison for the USCCB, was honored with the presentation of the Silver Buffalo award at the BSA annual meeting.

- Silver St. George Emblems were presented in April 2005 to Chris D. Hoelle, Judy Kosiba, Father Kevin M. Smith, Anthony Madonia, John E. Thompson and Father Joseph A. Weber. The Silver St. George Emblem was established in 1997 to recognize significant service to Catholic Scouting at the national level.
Membership

Statistics

At the end of 2005 there were 307,321 youth registered in 9,508 traditional Scouting units chartered to
Catholic Institutions. The unit gains of our 2001-2003 membership initiative have been lost and membership
losses have been accelerating since 1997.

- Youth membership in Catholic Boy Scouting is decreasing by about 4%/year, a rate that is roughly
equal to that of Scouting in general. The most significant losses are in Cub Scouting.
- Unit losses, at rate of about 1%/year, are about 50% lower than BSA losses.

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The following are a few accomplishments for the Membership Committee in 2005:

- **Membership Growth Plan** - A Membership Growth Plan was developed as a tool for Dioceses. This Growth Plan focused on strengthening Diocesan Committees, retention of Scouts and/or Units along with developing New Units. This Growth Plan is a follow up to the Membership Initiative which matured in December 2005.

- **Pope Paul VI** - Emphasis is being put on the use of the phrase “Catholic Quality Unit Award - The Pope Paul VI.” The name “Pope Paul VI” does not convey what the program is about, so hopefully by using Catholic Quality Unit Award, Applications for the award will increase. Total units number for units applying are not finalized at this time, but it is seems apparent the number of units applying has increased.

- **Bishop's Event to Grow Scouting** - The document “Bishop's Dinner” was updated to reflect the addition of Venture Crew to Scouting Program. At the same time, The NCCS Executive Board approved the name change to “Bishop's Event to Grow Scouting.” This is tool for Diocese Catholic Committees and Councils to use for Membership Growth.

**Catholic Relationships**

The NCCS is recognized by the USCCB as the authority to represent all Catholic Boy Scout Chartered institutions to the BSA. This is recognized as a dual responsibility: first, to build relationships with all youth serving Catholic institutions that can charter Scout units and second, to properly understand and represent Catholic youth ministry goals and objectives to the BSA. This is best done by building liaison relationships with several Catholic bodies.

- **The National Chairman and Chaplain** are active members of the **BSA Relationships Committee** and Religious Relationships Sub-committee and were present or represented at all of their meetings. With other Catholic members of these committees we represent Catholic perspectives to the National Council.

- **Knights of Columbus** – Since 1923 when the Knights of Columbus (K of C) commended Scouting as a fruitful activity for their order, their councils have molded hundreds of thousands of youth through the Scouting program. Today the Knights charter over 1200 units with over 40,000 registered youth and 16,000 adult leaders. In some regions more than 21% of the units charted to Catholic units are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus were honored by NCCS at a Kennedy Center Dinner in conjunction with Fall 2004 USCCB meeting. In February 2005, our National Chair and Past National Chaplain met with the K of C Supreme Council and developed a Membership Growth Plan. Among other things, they will support BSA’s Good Turn for America and distribute membership packets to all 8700 K of C Councils and encourage the support and sponsorship of local BSA units. Future meetings and discussions on areas of cooperation and support are planned. Due to the collaboration of the Knights, NCCS and the BSA, the new Knights of Columbus Membership Growth package was unveiled at the Biennial NCCS meeting. Not only will the packets be mailed to the Knights councils, they will also be distributed to every Diocesan scout committee and BSA council. NCCS will also present a seminar on the Plan at the BSA annual meeting in May 2006.

- **Serra International**: A Catholic fraternal group with a strong interest in promoting religious vocations and training Catholic lay leadership. Serra has been a strong supporter of Catholic Scouting programs including financial underwriting of the Pope Paul VI National Unit Recognition. Homer Radford, Chair of the NCCS Vocations Committee and a member of Serra International is our liaison representative and attends its annual meetings.

- **USCCB Annual Meeting**: As mentioned above, on the Sunday evening before the start of the Annual USCCB meeting, Bishop Gettelfinger and the NCCS hosted a dinner to honor the Archdiocese for Military Services. Bishop Gettelfinger also hosted a breakfast for 45 bishops attending the annual conference in Washington. The NCCS National Chair and National Chaplain used this opportunity to discuss current programs and needs of Catholic Scouting such as the St. George Trek, the K of C Membership Growth Plan and chaplaincy at Philmont. BSA youth protection policies and insurance coverage were also discussed.
Catholic Relationships (continued)

- Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George: The Constantinian Order is a worldwide organization with a mission of service to others. In the United States this service extends to Catholic education, The Path to Peace Foundation, Catholic University, and Catholic Scouting. Over twelve years they have underwritten costs of every Saint George Youth Leadership Trek at Philmont (now held every other year). John Condon is their liaison as an at-large member of our Executive Board. The passing of long time member, supporter and benefactor of the St. George Trek, Dave Garrison, was celebrated at a Requiem Mass in Texas.

International Catholic Conference on Scouting

The International Committee continues its mission to “maintain relationships with the international Scouting and Catholic Youth Movement to ground programs in the Universal Church.” A cooperative relationship is maintained with Fr. Leo LeBlanc, Chaplain for the Americas.

The ICCS meeting took place in Tunisia in September, 2005 with Bray and Patty Barnes, Fr. Don Hummel, Fr. Leo LeBlanc and Msgr. Bob Guglielmone attending. Bray Barnes was elected Deputy Secretary General of the ICCS and we congratulate him and wish him well. Fr. Don Hummel has submitted a great write up, “Reflections From Tunisia” in the December 2005 Bridge.

The Americas Region meeting originally scheduled for Sao Paolo, Brazil on April 21-24 has been rescheduled for the last week in June 2006.

ICCS Endowment Fund

There is still a long way to go to raise the $20,000 to supplement the $80,000 from NCCS to reach our goal of $100,000. Articles have appeared in the Bridge promoting this event and are also on the website under ICCS activities. Further promotions will be discussed by the committee in Chicago. This program was established to support the Catholic Scouts in the Americas Region. Additional donations from NCCS members and the NCCS have fully funded the Endowment Fund as of 29 April 2006.

Desde La Naturaliza Booklet

Fr. Leo LeBlanc received the addresses of the five dioceses in Puerto Rico who receive the booklets which were made available via a $200 contribution from the NCCS. Long range plans are to make this booklet available to all Catholic Scouts in the United States.

More Catholic Relationships

- USCCB Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth (Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adult Ministry)

The Subcommittee on Youth and Young assists the bishops to respond to the pastoral needs and concerns of youth and young adults and fosters their participation in the community and mission of the Church. It collaborates with other national organizations also dedicated to these purposes in accord with the Bishops’ documents Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry and Sons and Daughters of the Light: A Pastoral Plan for Ministry with Young Adults.

Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange, has been appointed as the new chairman of the subcommittee; and new members of the committee are Most Rev. Felipe de Jesús Estévez, Auxiliary Bishop of Miami, and Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Cheyenne. They will all serve a three-year term that expires in 2008. NCCS is represented by Executive Board Member Gordon Stiefel on the USCCB Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adult.

The 2006 meetings of this committee were not scheduled by USCCB for a variety of reasons. The next meeting is scheduled for February, 2007.

- National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry: The NCCS is a collaborating member of the NFCYM. Tom Nishikubo continues to be the NCCS representative to NCYC. NCCS Executive Board Members Mike Kosiba, Ed Gargiulo, John Ribar, and BSA representative George Sparks manned a well-visited booth at the biannual National Catholic Youth Conference in Atlanta, GA attended by over 25,000 youth in late October, 2005.
Diocesan Committees

Support

The national committees provide direct support to dioceses through Regional Chairs and Chaplains. Since 2000, a National Vice-Chair has had oversight responsibility for the Regional Chairs to centralize and focus communication.

Communications are effected by personal phone calls and letters (E-mail), newsletters, and regional meetings and conferences. More than half of the regions hold meetings or conferences independent of the NCCS biennial meeting and about one-quarter produce a regional newsletter.

Support is also provided through the NCCS quarterly newsletter, “The Bridge,” and our Internet Website: 

www.nccs-bsa.org

Region Statistics

The Diocesan Scout Committee is the principal means to advocate, teach, and deliver Catholic Scouting.

Quality Diocese Award

A “Quality Diocesan Committee” Award was developed in 2002 with the assistance of the Regional leadership and was revised in 2003 to reflect updated standards. This program parallels the intent of the Pope Paul VI Unit Recognition The promotion of our revised Quality Diocesan Award last year as a tool for communication, program evaluation, and recognition achieved great success with its 22% increase to a total of 70 Committees earning the QDA.

That stellar growth is eclipsed this year by an added 20% increase over that number to a total of 86 QDA’s being awarded for 2005. The expansion of the QDA program has been bolstered by the wide acceptance of the concomitant patch as a recognition tool.

Each winning Committee is given two patches free for their Chairman and Chaplain. Additional patches have been offered for sale to other members of their Committees.

This year’s patch featured a dedication to Pope John Paul II and his youth programs. It was widely accepted, and generated more than $2,200 in support revenue.

An integral requirement in the QDA also helped raise hundreds for the support of our campaign to establish a dedicated fund for ICCS programs. Currently more than 85% of the Dioceses have active Catholic Committees on Scouting

Training

If the Diocesan Scout Committees are to effectively influence their diocesan Catholic communities and build units with a strong Catholic identity, their members and leaders must be trained.
Diocesan Committees (continued)

Philmont Training Conference, “Scouting in the Catholic Church”

Since its inception on 1974, the focus of this annual training conference has been the formation and training of leaders for Diocesan Boy Scout committees. The 2004 conference refocused the program using “Scouter Development: Lay Apostolate formation for Scouting,” “Renewing the Vision” and the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” was attended by 34 Scouters and was directed by Gordon Stiefel. Rev. Ray Fecteau (Chaplain), Ed Gargiulo and Susan Barriball served as faculty. Bishop Gettelfinger, Fr. Roger LaChance and Msgr. Bob Guglielmone (World Chaplain) were also present to assist. The course realized less attendance than usual due to the number of Scouters participating in the National Jamboree.

Training Committee

In addition to the coordination efforts outlined above, the Training Committee provides for the needs of standing committees, regional leaders, and diocesan committees for training programs and tools.

- NCCS Training programs are being aligned with the BSA Training Continuum concept. Fast Start tools found in the NCCS Leaders Handbook are intended for orientation of new leaders. Basic programs include Scouter Development: Lay Apostolate Formation for Scouting and Mentoring and Action Planning and are recommended for the first year. Supplemental training will be received at Biennial workshops and at regional meetings. The Philmont Training Conference Scouting in the Catholic Church will become the Catholic equivalent to BSA Wood Badge Training to satisfy advanced training needs.

Staffing National Committees

The NCCS is constantly seeking people to serve on standing committees, task forces, boards, and as regional leaders. More than 100 volunteers offer their time and talents to serve on national committees to achieve the mission of the NCCS. Scouters can learn more about our activities at the annual Philmont Training Conference “Scouting in the Catholic Church,” at Annual Standing Committee Meetings, regional meetings, and at our Internet Website: www.nccs-bsa.org

Volunteers are invited to submit biographical information to:

National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS)
Attn: Barbara Nestel
P. O. Box 152079
Irving TX 75015-2079

The Nominating Committee is charged with responsibility to search out qualified individuals willing to work on the National Executive Board.

Finding qualified regional NCCS leaders is a continuing challenge. All regional chair positions have been filled as of April 29, 2006 however, vacancies remain for two regional chaplains.

Advisory Board

The NCCS Advisory Board is currently composed of thirty-nine volunteer members appointed by the executive board for five-year terms. The principal mission of the Advisory Board is to furnish advice and counsel to the Executive Board and its’ standing committees. The Advisory Board is made up of long-time leaders and members of the NCCS who have successfully served out terms of office on the Executive Board, and chosen others from outside NCCS who have special qualifications and/or positions in the Church.
FINANCIAL STABILITY

1. This was not one of the better years for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.
   a. $14,429 was transferred from the Fund Balance at BSA to balance the budget. The reasons included the increased costs of the Bishops’ dinner and the unanticipated transfer of funds by the BSA for the membership growth plan expenses. These funds will be recovered in 2006.
   b. The 2005 Income was $2,663 (.75%) above approved budget. Rosary Patch and Literature sales far exceeded the budget by $45,790 (152.63%) and $22,151 (29.53%), respectively. Personal Contributions also exceeded the budget by $11,065 (63.23%). The income underestimated was Royalties/Sales and the St. George Trek by $17,717 (25.31%) and $12,575 (83.83%), respectively.
   c. The 2005 Expenses were $17,917 (5.11%) above approved budget. Meeting Biennial/Annual, Bin Literature and St. George Trek expenses far exceeded the budget by $44,201 [includes expenses for the Bishop’s dinner] (147.34%), $19,261 (35.02%) and $6,197 (41.31%), respectively. What helped tremendously was the fact that the Chaplains and Standing Committees ended under budget by $45,535 (39.26%).
   d. Ending Fund Balance at BSA’s operating account was $16,073.

2. In the latter part of 2004, the Investment Account, managed by Smith Barney, went from one (1) to six (6) sub accounts. In August 2005, the International Fund Account was set up, making it number seven (7). This was accomplished by moving $100,000 from the Fund Balance at BSA. $80,000 to the International Fund and $20,000 to the Holding Account.
   a. As of 31 December 2005 the value of these accounts totaled $1,613,548.44. That is a $36,409.12 (2.31%) increase from 2004.
   b. The overall breakdown of these accounts were 46% Stocks, 34% Fixed Income, and 20% Cash/Money Funds.
   c. The Scout Trust Account [238] increased by $4,035.30 (1.62%), St. George Fund [453] by $3,730.27 (1.98%), Holding Account [454] by $4,932.75 (2.78%), NCCS Fund [725] by $11,719.53, Committee Fund [729] by $2,508.95 (2.44%), Golden AAD [731] by $8,407.93 (2.54%) and International Fund by $1,074.39 (1.34%).

3. **2006 BUDGET:**

   A. The proposed Income is $403,900 which is $52,400 (12.97%) more than last year’s approved budget. The biggest increases should be in St. George Trek and Biennial Conference, $43,000 and $29,000 respectively.

   B. The proposed Expenses are $394,600, which is $43,925 (11.13%) more than last year’s approved budget.

   a. NCCS Expenses increased by $32,300. Biennial Conference being the biggest increase in expenses by $24,000.
   b. Chaplain and Committee Expenses decreased by $8,375. Even though many of the Chaplains and Committees received a $100 increase for 2006, there is no longer a National Scout Jamboree (NSJ) Chaplains requirement for $14,875.
   c. NCCS Special Projects Expenses increased by $20,000. St George Trek was increased by $45,000 while NSJ support of $25,000 is zeroed out.

EXECUTIVE BOARD SUPPORT OF ANNUAL FUND DRIVE:

In 2005, 89% of the Board Members contributed. This is an increase of 4% over 2004. Although we are slowly getting there, we have never complied with 1999 resolution that required 100% Board giving.
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