Bishop Robert Guglielmone named as new Bishop Liaison to the National Catholic Committee on Scouting replacing Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger

At the NCCS sponsored breakfast during the bi-annual Bishop’s meeting in Baltimore last November 15, 2010, it was announced that Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, S.C. has been appointed the new Bishop Liaison to the NCCS, replacing Bishop (Padre) Gerald A. Gettelfinger, Bishop of Evansville, Ind.

Bishop Guglielmone was born on December 30, 1945. He graduated from St. John's University, Jamaica, New York, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. He then earned a Master of Divinity degree in Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary, in Huntington, New York. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Rockville Centre on April 8, 1978. He was named a Prelate of Honor in 1996.


Since his seminarian days Bishop Guglielmone has been actively involved in Catholic Scouting, earning numerous awards, including the St. George Emblem and Brother Barnabas Founder's Award. He has served in various chaplain capacities locally, nationally, and internationally and directed the chaplain's training for the prestigious Philmont Scout Ranch for nearly a decade. He has also served in several capacities on the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and is currently an Executive Board Member. In November 2000, Bishop Guglielmone was appointed World Chaplain to Catholic Scouting by the Holy See for a four-year term and was re-appointed in 2004.

“Our beloved Padre has passed the mantle of Bishop Liaison on to Bishop Bob Guglielmone, who is also near and dear to us. We are delighted that Padre will remain active with us and Bishop Bob, who has been a past National and World Chaplain, knows NCCS and its workings very well. We have been blessed to have Padre as our Bishop Liaison for nearly 13 years, and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with Bishop Bob,” said John Halloran, NCCS Chairman. He went on to congratulate and thank both Bishops for what they have done, and will continue to do, on behalf of Scouting, especially Catholic Scouting.
Charleston Diocese Catholic camporee hosts 3 Seminarians to discuss vocations with Scouts

By James Weiskircher

At the sixth annual Diocese of Charleston Catholic Camporee, held October 15-17th at Fort Jackson, SC, more than 500 Scouts and their parents had the opportunity to interact with three young seminarians enjoying their vocations and sharing their experiences with the Scouts. Seminarians Stephen Beach (4th year at the minor seminary at Seton Hall), Andrew Fryml (Eagle Scout and 3rd year at the minor seminary at Seton Hall) and Adorno Brother Giovanni Nunez from the Clerics Regular Minor (in his pastoral year being ordained a deacon next month) led the Scouts in morning and evening prayer.

During the rotation program, Brother Gio helped the Scouts earn their Rosary patch, while Andrew and Stephen led workshops on the saints and the four steps to becoming a saint. During the weekend, Blessed Andre Bessette was canonized and Stephen dressed up as Saint Andre Bessette and talked about his life. Before lunch, the three met with the older Scouts and discussed their vocations and allowed the Scouts to ask questions. Before the Exalt Adoration service, the young men talked to the Scouts about the meaning of the Eucharist for Catholics.

For some of these Scouts the camporee is an opportunity to experience something new in their faith. It may be the first time that they have ever said the Rosary, said morning or evening prayers, or have ever experienced Adoration.

According to Father Jeff Kirby, Vicar of Vocations and an Eagle Scout, “Scouting, as a form of youth ministry, can be an effective way to promote vocations by helping young men to live their faith more fully.” Of the priests ordained this year in the United States, 38% of them were involved in Scouting as a youth. The opportunity for the seminarians to interact with the Scouts is as important for the scouts as it is for them. They get the opportunity to talk about their faith to young people and are excited to see the reaction of the Scouts. This helps them to understand that they are making a difference in the diocese today as seminarians.

Chairman’s Corner

As we begin this new year, we tend to let the hustle and bustle get in our way. Fr. Stephen Salvador and I are concerned that during hectic times like these we fail to slow down, enjoy, relax and be there for those that need us most, our loved ones.

Work will one day disappear and your health may decline. These could impact the time, talents and treasures you give the Church, your leisure time activities and even the Catholic Committee on Scouting. All you may have left after all is said and done is your family, loved ones and friends.

So, during this time of renewal and resolutions, make sure that those near and dear to you come first. Don’t let work, activities or anything else push them away. Spend as much quality, not quantity, time with them and let them know how important they are to you. Remember that without Jesus as the center of all relationships, all you are left with is quantity time.

The final concern in this issue I would like to discuss is communication. Communication is the life-blood of any organization. We are concerned that we do not know all the current Diocesan Chairs and Chaplains. When a new Chair and / or Chaplain is elected and approved or appointed by the Bishop, that information, in many cases, does not get to Nancy Watts, our Program Assistant. So, if you are the Chair or Chaplain and are not getting material or information from us, this might be the reason. If you are trying to order medals or supplies and have been rejected, again this may be the reason. If you are not getting the opportunity to vote for Regional and National Leadership, now you may know the reason.

In order that we have the right tools, materials and information to send to those in the trenches, we are concerned that you are not voicing your needs and requirements to us for consideration and review. This organization is not a one-way street. Information has to flow up and horizontally, as well as down. We even have a place on our web called ‘Catholic Scouting News’ for articles from all levels of this great organization to be shared.

Finally in regards to communication, we are concerned that this is a very under-utilized skill at all levels. If we cannot communicate effectively, then we will continue our shrinking trend until the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) ceases to be a positive and forceful influence in the Scouting community.

On behalf of NCCS, Fr. Stephen Salvador and I wish you a very joyous and prosperous New Year. Take care and God Bless.

COL (Ret.) John J. Halloran, Jr.
Did You Know . . .?
By Bob Oldowski

...That the NCCS offers a unique, special, ten-day adventure at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico?

This trek is designed to develop organizational and relational skills for leadership, as well as nourish the youth’s spirituality. It brings together senior youth from around the country together with selected young priests and seminarians for seven days of backpacking on the trail in Philmont’s beautiful high country, along with three days of intensive leadership training.

Held July 7-22, this is an ideal experience for a youth who is considering a church vocation. Father Gerard Gentleman is this year’s director. See NCCS web site at http://www.nccs-bsa.org for full details. Ideally the diocesan committee will help cover the costs.

Where else can one hike with priests, seminarians and even bishops?

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Dioceses urged to nominate Scouts to take part in Saint George Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch

The 2011 Saint George Trek begins on Thursday, July 7, 2011 in Albuquerque, N.M. where the participants will meet, get to know one another, train, have fun, and pray. Then it’s off to Philmont Scout Ranch where they will hike the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rocky Mountains. While hiking, they will experience a program that is designed to encourage the integration of morality, values, spirituality, faith and scripture in their lives as Christian leaders. Before returning home on July 22nd, the participants will be asked to commit themselves to bring what they have experienced home to their respective dioceses where they can become effective peer leaders and role models for their fellow Scouts.

Each arch/diocese is encouraged to conduct a search and send one or two top-notch Scouts or Venturers to the Trek. Because the program can only accommodate seventy youth, only two participants per diocese will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Selection of participants is made by the individual arch/diocese and should be made on the basis of demonstrated maturity and leadership potential. The earning of Scouting’s religious emblems and involvement in church, school and Scouting activities should be given consideration.

Candidates should be emotionally mature adolescents who will be fifteen years of age on or before July 7, 2011, in high school in the fall of 2011 and committed to assist their Catholic Committee when they return home. No exceptions will be made. They must have the physical health and stamina to backpack on the mountain trails of Philmont. A female crew is planned, pending sufficient female registration. The Saint George Trek is a one-time only experience for youth. Previous youth participants are not eligible.

The youth participant registration form may be adapted for use as an application by the individual arch/diocese. After the (arch)diocesan selection process has been completed, a youth participant registration form (completed by the Scout), an arch/diocesan authorization (completed by the sponsoring arch/diocesan Catholic Committee), and $150 deposit for each participant are submitted to:

Nancy Watts
National Catholic Committee on Scouting
P. O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079
For the 15th year, the Interfaith Committee of the Grand Canyon Council held its Ten Commandment Hike on Friday, November 26. This hike was in Downtown Phoenix and the Arizona Capitol Mall. The hike started at the Jewish Heritage Center and included the First United Congregation, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Salvation Army-Citadel, Saint Mary's Basilica, First Historic Presbyterian Church, USS Arizona Anchor Memorial (with a Navy Chaplain presiding), Ten Commandments Monument near the State Capitol, Mater Misericordiae Mission-Tridentine (Latin) Church, Evans House courtyard with a Christian staff member, and the Masonic Shrine Temple.

Father Matt Lowry, Eagle Scout, speaks on the 4th Commandment to the hikers at Saint Mary’s Basilica in Phoenix.

The Oklahoma City Catholic Committee on Scouting and Camp Fire held its annual Archbishop’s Mass and Recognition ceremony on April 11, 2010 at the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Pastoral Center. Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran celebrated Mass and then presented special certificates of appreciation to 31 Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts who had earned their age appropriate religious emblems. Three adults were recognized with the Bronze Pelican emblem and two adults were recipients of the St. George emblem. The Oklahoma City Catholic Committee on Scouting and Campfire has sponsored the annual Archbishop’s recognition ceremony for more than 25 years.
Nearly 1,500 Catholic Scouts and their families, primarily from the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese and the Austin Diocese, observed the 12th point of the Scout law by participating in Sunday Mass at Sam Houston Council Jamboree.

During his greeting at the Mass, Cardinal DiNardo, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and former Cub Scout, said he was honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the U.S., and pointed out that Catholic Scouting is a path for young men to form their Catholic identity, “Any Scout knows that you have in your heart and mind, the Scout Oath. I want to challenge you to also have in your heart and mind, the word of God,” Cardinal DiNardo said.

At the conclusion of Mass, he addressed the Scouts, saying that in the past, whenever he participated in a gathering of youth, he has made a general request for them to consider whether they were being called by God to the priesthood or religious life. He also told the Scouts he wanted 75 future priests out of the crowd for the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese and the Austin Diocese, and joked that they could choose them among themselves and forward the names to him.

The Diocese of Jackson Catholic Committee on Scouting recently hosted the 2010 Catholic Retreat and Camporee. Warren A. Hood Scout Reservation in Hazelhurst, Miss. provided a tranquil environment for the experience. More than 121 Cubs, Scouts, leaders, parents and siblings from around the Diocese of Jackson participated. Monsignor Elvin Sunds, vicar general of the Diocese of Jackson, and Father Scott Thomas, associate pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Madison participated in the activities on Saturday and were instrumental in the presentations.

Boy Scouts were able to work on requirements for the Ad Altare Dei religious medal. Cub Scouts participated in activities for the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei religious awards, as well as Footsteps of the American Saints patch program.

Msgr. Elvin Sunds, spoke with the Cub Scouts about their paintings of God’s creations that were part of their work on the Parvuli Dei medal.
The Boy Scouts of America have launched a new Hispanic initiative whose purpose is to support the development of faith-based Scouting programs in Hispanic communities. They plan to start the initiative with a letter from Bishop James A. Tamayo, Bishop of Laredo, Texas and then introduce the program to the Scout Executives and Catholic Committees on Scouting in the following Scout Councils:

Central Florida – Orlando
Chicago Area Council
Greater New York Councils
Rio Grande – Harlingen, Texas
Santa Clara Council – San Jose, California
Sequoia Council – Fresno, California

The initiative will then be introduced into these councils:

**Northeast Region**
Narragansett – Providence, Rhode Island
National Capital Area – Washington D.C.
Patriots Path - Florham Park, New Jersey
Westchester Putnam - Hawthorne, New York

**Central Region**
Northeast Illinois – Highland Park, Illinois
Northern Star – Saint Paul, Minnesota
Three Fires – Saint Charles, Illinois

**Southern Region**
Alamo Area – San Antonio
Atlanta Area – Atlanta
Capitol Area – Austin, Texas
Circle Ten – Dallas
Last Frontier – Oklahoma City
Longhorn – Fort Worth, Texas
Northeast Georgia – Athens
Sam Houston Area – Houston
South Florida – Miami
South Plans – Lubbock, Texas
Southwest Florida – Fort Meyers

**Western Region**
Cascade Pacific – Portland, Oregon
Catalina – Tucson, Arizona
Denver Area – Denver
Golden Empire – Sacramento
Grand Canyon – Phoenix
Great Salt Lake Council – Utah
Great Southwest – Albuquerque, New Mexico
Las Vegas Area – Las Vegas
Mount Diablo Silverado – Pleasant Hills, California
Nevada Area – Reno
Orange County – California
San Diego/Imperial – San Diego
San Francisco Bay Area – San Francisco
Ventura County – Camarillo, California
Western Los Angeles – Los Angeles

Diocesan committees in the above areas should be proactive and contact their local council executives so they can work together to help launch this initiative. They should also keep in contact with their local dioceses – particularly if their diocese has any kind of outreach program for the Hispanic community. This initiative – if it is a true partnership between the Church, the Catholic Committee and the local Scout Council – has the potential of establishing many new units.

The success of these Hispanic Initiatives can be gauged by measuring the increase of:
- Latino youth membership
- Recruitment, retention and promotion of Latino executives
- Latino parent volunteers
- Engaged partnerships with Latino organizations

By generating increases in these four defined areas through the strategies created by the Hispanic Initiatives team, the BSA hopes to double the membership of Latino youths in the short term and effect a new awareness, inclusion, and cooperation of the national, regional, and council levels in the longer term. Accomplishing a measured increase in these four defines areas, will help the BSA and the NCCS address the needs and concerns of today’s Hispanic and Latino families more accurately and with greater cultural sensitivity.
Scholarship Awards

Five Separate awards of $2,000 each

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) has established the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Distinguished Scout Scholarship to be awarded to five, outstanding Catholic high school seniors who are Scouts in a BSA program and continuing their education in college. These scholarships honor Mr. Doerr, who was a dedicated Catholic Scouter and a very active member of the NCCS. He was the first recipient of the Brother Barnabas Founders Award and received the Silver Antelope, Silver Beaver, and Saint George Medals for his service to the Boy Scouts. The Doerr family and the NCCS are continuing his legacy by offering this scholarship in his name to five distinguished Catholic Scouts.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a practicing Catholic
- Be a full-time high school senior
- Be a registered young man or woman actively involved in a Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Troop or Venturing Team.
- Must have earned the Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII Religious Award
- Earned the Eagle Scout or Silver Award
- Provided service to your church, community, school and Scouts

For applications or more information:

- Download an application at http://www.nccs-bsa.org/national/EJDoerrScholarship.php
- Email: nccs@scouting.org
- Call: Nancy Watts at NCCS  (972) 580-2114

DON’T DELAY - THE DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 1, 2011
Notes:
1. Vice Chair Finance appointed by National Chair
2. Elected Vice Chairs are placed into position based on need and skills and not elected to a specific position.