

Spes Mundi Award

The Spes Mundi Award

For the Promotion and Generous Support of Faith Education through Worldwide Catholic Scouting.

The Spes Mundi Award is named after Camp Spes Mundi, a camp founded by Monsignor Kenneth O'Connell, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York. He distinguished himself as an outstanding diocesan Scout chaplain and youth director. As National Chaplain of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting® (NCCS), he was a pioneer and dynamic leader in helping the NCCS broaden its national horizons to include the larger, Church-recognized International Catholic Conference for Scouting (ICCS). Through his own vision and personal hard work, Msgr. O'Connell's dedication led to worldwide participation in and affiliation with, the international organization which brings together the many Scout associations and committees for Scouting of Catholic faith throughout the world. Msgr. O'Connell died in November 1984 at the age of 54. Camp Spes Mundi (Latin for "hope of the world") was a dream come true for Msgr. O'Connell and a few friends. Spes Mundi was supported by the generosity of friends and staffed by volunteers. The Camp provided free camping experiences in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State for the poorest of youth. Camp Spes Mundi lived because Kenneth O'Connell believed in the youth of his day and recognized in them tomorrow's hope.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The Spes Mundi Award is given to any adult who financially supports, in a significant way, the promotion of the Catholic faith through Scouting on a worldwide basis.
2. For each award, a minimum donation of \$2,500 must be made to the NCCS - administered ICCS trust fund. This trust fund is managed and controlled by the Executive Committee of the NCCS. The revenue generated by the trust shall be used to support the programs and operations of the ICCS.
3. The donor may choose to designate a recipient other than self to receive this award. Both the recipient and donor, however, must be at least 21 years of age and of sound moral character.

The final decision concerning the above qualifications of both donor and recipient rests with the Executive Committee of the NCCS.

AWARD & PRESENTATION

The Spes Mundi Award may be presented locally or at any meeting of the NCCS.

Please return this portion to:

NCCS, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079

Please accept this contribution of \$ _____ to be used to support the programs of the ICCS through the NCCS's International Trust Fund.

Please contact me to discuss presentation of the Spes Mundi Award:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zipcode: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____



The Spes Mundi Award is a gold-filled medal suspended on a white and gold ribbon. White and gold are the papal, or Church, colors. Engraved on the medal are the symbols of the International Catholic Conference for Scouting (ICCS): the globe, the fleur-de-lis and the Cross of Jerusalem.

Each of the 50 medals are numbered. The purpose of the Spes Mundi Award is to recognize significant financial support of international Scouting under Catholic auspices. Each award represents a generous contribution of a minimum \$2,500. These contributions are placed in a trust fund administered by the Finance Committee of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). The interest generated each year by these gifts is sent to the ICCS. The principal remains in the trust.

The funds are used by the ICCS to promote and support faith education through worldwide Catholic Scouting programs, especially in third-world.

