

Answers to the Requirements

- 1) In Caguas, Puerto Rico on November 22, 1918.
- 2) He was an office clerk and worked specifically as a translator.
- 3) He did his apostolic work at the Catholic University Center of Rio Piedras in Puerto Rico. The title of his publication was *Christian Life Days*.
- 4) July 13.
- 5) Serving at Mass as an altar boy.

Visit www.NCCS-BSA.org for information on how to order the Footsteps of American Saints patches.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can work on this program?

All youth and adults.

Do the youth need to submit the answers to the requirements when they are done with the activity?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The application and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Will there be more than one Activity Patch?

Yes. There will be an activity patch for every American Saint. Five new activities will be added each year. If a new American saint were to be canonized, that person would be added to the rotation in a timely manner.

How long will this saint be available for me to work on?

Each saint activity will be available for scouts to work on for two years. After that, the activity will be rotated off and replaced with a new saint.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem, and will Cub or Boy Scouts receive their religious knot after completing the form?

No. The activity is considered a religious activity not a religious emblem. Cub and Boy Scouts will not receive a religious knot after completing the form.

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Footsteps of American Saints



Blessed Carlos Rodriguez Activity



National Catholic
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Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This program honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the church calendar for the United States, some have the rank of "saint" and are venerated by the universal church. Some have the rank of "blessed" and are venerated by the local church. Some have the rank of "venerable" and, while on the way to becoming a "saint", may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in either North or South America. Many lived in what is now the United States. Others never set foot in our country, however their lives and work have had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Blessed Carlos Rodriguez

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.americancatholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 of the activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 of the activities.

Requirements:

- 1) Where and when was he born?
- 2) What kind of work did he do until 1946, and what was his specialty?
- 3) Where did he do the majority of his apostolic work? What was the title of his publication on the liturgy?
- 4) On what day is his memorial celebrated?
- 5) As a youngster, what was an opportunity that he never passed up?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor some of the values that you admire most about Blessed Carlos Rodriguez. What is he known for? How can you be more like him?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of his accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) Carlos Rodriguez was convinced that “the liturgy is the life of the Church”. Form a prayer group. Read one or more of the following in your group. What did you learn? What should you do differently in your life because of what you read? (Matt. 18:15-35, Luke 9:57-10:1, Luke 14: 25-35, Mark 10:31-45, John 24: 1-49)
- 4) Carlos Rodriguez served as an altar boy growing up in his faith. Discuss with your family or counselor the roles you can actively participate in at Mass, then signup and participate in that role.

Requirements for Adults

- 1) Assist the youth with this Footsteps of American Saints activity
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this Saint.
- 3) Review the youth requirements after they have completed the activity.
- 4) Fill out the application for this activity and send it along with the fee to the NCCS.

For more information about this Saint, check out the websites below.

- www.Catholic.org
- www.AmericanCatholic.org
- www.newadvent.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly