



Fast Start For Catholic Unit Leaders Boy Scout Leader



You're a New Scout Leader!

Congratulations on choosing to promote Scouting as Catholic youth ministry by serving as a Scout Leader of a Catholic chartered Boy Scout Troop! This document provides some basic information on getting started in your new role.

Why You?

You were selected as a new leader for a Catholic chartered troop. You were chosen because of your dedication to youth and your willingness to support scouting's ideal of Duty to God.

Getting Started

There are several things you need to know:

- What's expected of me?
- Where do I get help?
- What do I do next?

What's Expected of Me?

1. In addition to the standard BSA training including youth protection, comply with your local diocesan Youth Protection directives.
2. Recognize the important relationship your troop has with its chartered partner. You represent both the BSA and your chartering sponsor.
3. In your role as troop leader of a Catholic troop, you should recognize that you are involved with youth ministry in the Catholic Church.
4. Be aware of the Church's vision of youth ministry as outlined in "Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry". (www.usccb.org/laity/youth/rtvcontents.shtml)
5. Work with the Chaplain's Aide to incorporate prayer in your Patrol and Troop activities.
6. Ensure your Troop participates in Scout Sunday observance.
7. Work with your Troop's Chaplain's Aide to promote religious emblems to all of your scouts, and especially the *Ad Altare Dei*, *Light is Life (Eastern Rite)*, and *Pope Pius XII* for your Catholic Scouts.
8. Talk with your pastor about Catholic Scouting.
9. Become familiar with the programs and activities for Boy Scouts in your diocese.
10. Become familiar with the programs and activities of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting®.

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Where Do I Get Help?

There are several resources in addition to this document that will be of help to you in your role as Scout Leader of a Catholic unit:

1. The NCCS website (www.nccs-bsa.org) has a complete list of contacts, program descriptions, and various applications.
2. Your local diocesan websites.
3. Your local Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and their website.
4. “Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry”. (www.usccb.org/laity/youth/rtvcontents.shtml)
5. Programs of Religious Activities for Youth (PRAY). (www.praypub.org)
6. National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) (www.NFCYM.org)

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What Do I Do Next?

1. Meet with your Chartered Organization Representative (COR) to review your status as a Catholic sponsored unit.
2. Meet with your Troop Committee to plan and discuss implementation of Catholic Scouting in your troop.
3. Identify and make contact with your diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and ask about unit awards.
4. Take advantage of the Scoutmaster's Minute to reinforce the Catholic identity of the troop.
5. Have fun!