



Fast Start For Catholic Unit Leaders Venturing Advisors



You're a New Venturing Advisor!

Congratulations on choosing to promote Scouting as Catholic youth ministry by serving as a Venturing Advisor of a Catholic chartered Venturing Crew! 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 Crew. 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 Crew has with its chartered partner. You represent both the BSA and your chartering sponsor.
3. In your role as advisor of a Catholic Crew, 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](http://www.usccb.org/laity/youth/rtvcontents.shtml)". (www.usccb.org/laity/youth/rtvcontents.shtml)
5. Encourage the incorporation of prayer in your Crew activities.
6. Encourage your Crew to participate in Scout Sunday observance.
7. Work with your Crew's Leadership Team to promote religious emblems to all of your Venturers, and especially the *Pope Pius XII* for your Catholic Venturers (male and female).
8. Talk to your pastor about Catholic Scouting.
9. Encourage your Crew to use the Venturing Trust Award.
10. Become familiar with the programs and activities for Venturers in your diocese.

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11. Become familiar with the programs and activities of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting®.

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 Advisor of a Catholic crew:

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)

What Do I Do Next?

1. Meet with your Crew Committee to plan and discuss implementation of Catholic Scouting in your Crew.
2. Meet with your Chartered Organization Representative (COR) to review your status as a Catholic sponsored unit.
3. Identify and make contact with your diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and ask about unit awards.
4. Have fun!