



NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

SUGGESTED GOALS FOR EACH DIOCESE



1. DIOCESAN* COMMITTEE.

- a. Be an active committee that promotes church-related Scouting programs.
- b. Work closely with BSA and diocesan personnel to provide programs as recommended by the NCCS.
- c. Meet at least quarterly.
- d. Have representation at the annual Philmont Catholic Conference, the NCCS Biennial Conference and at NCCS regional Catholic conferences.
- e. Evaluate the activities and accomplishments of the committee annually and set new goals for the coming year. (See *Checklist: Diocesan Catholic Committee*, No. 16-157)

2. TRAINING.

- a. Maintain an active training team.
- b. Conduct at least one NCCS Scouter Development program annually for adults in the youth ministry of Scouting for Catholics.
- c. Regularly train Catholic adult leaders who work with youth for their roles as youth workers in Scouting. Emphasis should be placed on the opportunities that the Scouting program affords to reach out spiritually to youths, and the tools and techniques that should be used by effective adult leaders. This training could be done in conjunction with the diocesan youth office.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

- a. Foster cooperation with the local council to expand the use of the Scouting program to a greater number of parishes.
- b. Promote Scouting in all of the ethnic and racial groups that make up the local multi-cultural Catholic faith community.
- c. Promote Scouting for the handicapped.
- d. Encourage adding a youth representative to the diocesan Catholic committee on Scouting and each diocesan sub-committee for council service.
- e. Promote the Pope Paul VI National Unit Recognition Award - and strive for at least 25 percent of Catholic-chartered units to achieve this award annually.

4. RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS.

- a. Make every unit aware of the religious emblems programs for all faiths.
- b. Have at least three youths per unit annually complete the program and receive recognition.
- c. Have a trained religious emblems counselor in each parish.
- d. Conduct an annual religious emblems counselor training course.
- e. Promote an annual recognition function where the bishop affirms Scouters' efforts and adult recognitions are presented.

***Note:** The designation "diocese" in this document is used interchangeably for archdiocese and eparchy. The text should be interpreted to suit the local situation.

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5. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

- a. Provide one Catholic retreat for Scouts and Venturers annually.
- b. Develop and promote Cub Scout religious activities.
- c. Distribute and promote the use of the book "*A Scout is Reverent*" at Scout functions.
- d. Promote at least one good turn service project annually by each unit for the parish, partner organization and/or its community.

6. VOCATIONS.

- a. Encourage and cooperate with each diocese to sponsor at least one vocations project, event or day each year.
- b. Encourage the use of the chaplain aide, not only to foster spirituality in the lives of Scouts, but also as a means of promoting church-related vocations.
- c. Cooperate with the diocese in making available to Catholic scouts and leaders literature and information about the programs offered by the diocesan vocations office

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Promote the activities of the Catholic committee through diocesan news, BSA council newsletters and other media
- b. Provide the NCCS Marketing & Public Relations Committee details of any Scouting event, recognition, etc. in the diocese that might be of national interest.

8. CHAPLAINCY.

- a. Make every effort to provide chaplain service for summer camps, weekend camporees and other appropriate occasions.
- b. Provide chaplains with the resources to fulfill and enhance their roles in Christian leadership.

9. POPE PAUL VI NATIONAL UNIT RECOGNITION.

- a. Promote this program in all Catholic units. Strive for 25 percent of the Catholic-chartered units to achieve this recognition annually.

10. ADULT RECOGNITION.

- a. Promote an annual recognition where the bishop affirms Scouters' efforts and adult recognitions are presented.

11. YOUTH MEMBERS.

- a. Have youth members on each diocesan and/or council Catholic committee on Scouting.