

Answers to Requirements

1) He sailed into Cartagena (now in Colombia).
(www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints)

2) January 15, 1888
(www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints)

3) Feast Day: September 7th
(www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints)

4) Patron Saint of Slaves
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5) As new slaves arrived, Claver ran out to meet them, carrying food and clothes to the living and removing the bodies of those who had died. He cared for the weakest first and took the sick to a nearby hospital he had built.

His work and writings, along with those of others such as the Dominican priest Bartolomé de las Casas, while broadly rejected in his time, upheld the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding slavery and helped lead to its eventual rejection by both the European powers and the United States by the early 19th century.

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6) "We must speak to them with our hands before we try to speak to them with our lips."
(www.americancatholic.org)

Visit www.nccs-bsa.org for information on how to order patches for any of our religious activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

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

Who do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Footsteps of American Saints



**Peter Claver
Activity Patch**



**National Catholic
Committee on Scouting®**

Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, deeds, and devotion to prayer and sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the U.S. church calendar, 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 there; however their lives and work had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Peter Claver Activity Patch

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

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

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

Requirements:

- 1) Peter Claver was born in Spain and sailed to which country to perform his life work.
- 2) When did he become a saint?
- 3) When is the feast day of this saint?
- 4) Peter Claver is considered the Patron Saint of whom?
- 5) What is Peter Claver known for (major accomplishment)?
- 6) Peter Claver understood that concrete service like the distributing of medicine, food or brandy to his black brothers and sisters could be as effective a communication of the Word of God as mere verbal preaching. What did Peter Claver often say?

Activities:

- 1) What did Peter Claver often say? Create a poster with those words and hang it for many to see.
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of his accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver sprang into action providing medicine and food. Create a first-aid kit and keep it in your car or home just in case you need to help someone.
- 4) Start a food drive. Create signs and posters. Place these in your school or church and request food donations. Distribute the food to the needy in your parish.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist the youth with this American Saint Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this American Saint.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm his accuracy and to insure his understanding.
- 4) Fill out the order form for this American Saint Activity and send it along with the fee to 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