

Answers to Requirements

- 1) Oct 2, 1798 in the village of Etables-sur-Mer in Brittany, France (www.spsmw.org/saint-mother-theodore)
- 2) 25 (www.spsmw.org/saint-mother-theodore)
- 3) Diocese of Vincennes, Indiana (www.spsmw.org/saint-mother-theodore)
- 4) St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN (www.spsmw.org/saint-mother-theodore)
- 5) Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN. (www.spsmw.org/saint-mother-theodore)
- 6) St. Mother Theodore Guerin was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 15, 2006. (www.spsmw.org/saint-mother-theodore)

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



Mother Theodore Guerin Activity Patch



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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 Mother Theodore Guerin Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.spsmw.org/saint-mother-theodore. Feel free to use other resources.

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

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

Requirements:

- 1) When and where was Mother Theodore born?
- 2) How old was Mother Theodore when she entered religious life?
- 3) Bishop Bruté requested a religious congregation to teach in the U.S. Which diocese did Bishop Bruté represent?
- 4) Where in the U.S. did Mother Theodore and her Sisters settle?
- 5) What was the name of the religious order Mother Theodore founded in the U. S.?
- 6) What year was she canonized?

Activities:

- 1) Mother Theodore’s major focus was education – talk to your parents about when they were in school – how was it different than what you do in school today?
- 2) Mother Theodore believed in caring for the sick poor. Imitate her by visiting residents of a nursing home or hospital with your parent.
- 3) Mother Theodore felt the care of nature was important for all. Draw a picture of your favorite part of nature.
- 4) Mother Theodore understood that our lives were full of crosses. She wrote: “Hail crosses, great and small, spiritual and temporal, exterior and interior, hail!” Write your own prayer about the crosses in your life.

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.spsmw.org
- www.Catholic.org
- www.catholic.org/saints
- www.catholicism.about.com
- www.americancatholic.org
- www.saintsresource.com