Answers to Requirements

1) Orleans, France on January 10, 1607. (www.newadvent.org)

2) He was captured by the Mohawk Iroquois. Some Dutch merchants pitied him and smuggled him back to Manhattan. (www.newadvent.org)

3) He was revered for being a “living martyr.” Everyone thought he had already died. The Pope allowed him to say Mass even though his hands had been mutilated from the torture inflicted on him by the Iroquois. (www.newadvent.org)

4) On June 29, 1930 along with seven other North American martyrs (including St. Rene Goupil). (www.newadvent.org)

5) Teaching Christianity to the Mohawk Indians. (www.newadvent.org)

6) September 26 (Canada), October 19 in the US (www.newadvent.org)

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 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 Isaac Joques Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.newadvent.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) Where and when was he born?

2) Who captured him? How did he escape?

3) When he finally got back to Europe, why was he revered by so many people? What did the Pope permit him to do?

4) When was he canonized, and who were the other North American Martyrs canonized with him?

5) What are some of his accomplishments?

6) When is the feast of Isaac Jogues?

Activities:

1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about Isaac Jogues. What is he known for? How can you be more like him?

2) Draw a picture showing some of his accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.

3) Martyrs are witnesses of the faith. Their witness goes all the way; they are willing to lay down their lives for their religious convictions. Create a collage of pictures of the other martyrs who were canonized with Isaac Jogues.

4) St. René Goupil, a companion of Isaac Jogues, died because he made the Sign of the Cross on the foreheads of Indian children. Create a cross out of craft material and hang it in your room in remembrance of their deeds.

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