

Answers to Requirements

1) He was born with the name Joseph de Veuster. He became Damien of Molokai because he volunteered to stay at the island of Molokai where the government had sent the people with leprosy. He is now referred to as Blessed Damien of Molokai after the beatification ceremony by Pope John Paul II. (www.americancatholic.org)

2) His brother could not fulfill his dream of traveling overseas to actively participate in missionary work. Damien took up his brother's dream as his own and went in his place on a mission abroad. (www.americancatholic.org)

3) Ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1864 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. (www.newadvent.org)

4) May 10. In Hawaii, they celebrate Father Damien's Feast Day statewide on April 15 (the day of his death). (www.newadvent.org)

5) Damien is most noted for his extreme devotion to caring and ministering to people with leprosy. Damien is considered the spiritual patron for Hansen's Disease, HIV and AIDS patients as well as outcasts. (www.americancatholic.org)

6) King David Kalakaua bestowed on Damien the honor *Knight Commander of the Royal Order of Kalakaua*. When Princess Lydia Liliuokalani visited the settlement to present the medal, she was reported as having been too distraught and heartbroken to read her speech. The princess shared her experience with the world and publicly acclaimed Damien's efforts. (www.wikipedia.com)

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



Damien of Molokai 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 Damien of Molokai Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.newadvent.org 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) He took the name of a 4th century physician and blessed when he became a priest...Fr. Damien. What was his original name and why do we call him Damien of Molokai?
- 2) Before going to Hawaii, Damien of Molokai worked as a missionary. What were the circumstances that allowed him to travel to Hawaii?
- 3) When did he become a priest?
- 4) Damien of Molokai was given a memorial feast day by Pope John Paul II in 1995. When is that day celebrated?
- 5) What is Damien of Molokai most known for devoting his life to?
- 6) King David Kalakaua presented what honor on Damien?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about Damien of Molokai . 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) Create a poster of hope and deliver it to a children hospital in your community.
- 4) Visit with the sick or elderly. Spend time learning what they like. Possibly bring a kitten or puppy from the pound to visit with the elderly for a couple of hours.

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.catholic.org/saints
- www.NewAdvent.org
- www.americancatholic.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly