

Answers to Requirements

- 1) Prachititz, Bohemia on March 28, 1811 (www.catholic.org)
- 2) He was ordained a priest in the United States because there was an abundance of priests in Bohemia. On his original ordination date, his bishop was sick. (www.catholic.org)
- 3) He preferred ministering to people in the countryside and he knew twelve languages and used all of them in his ministry. (www.catholic.org)
- 4) Bishop of Philadelphia. (www.catholic.org)
- 5) He built fifty churches, began building a cathedral, and the number of students in Catholic schools grew from 500 to 9,000. (www.allformary.org)
- 6) - He was the first to organize a Catholic diocesan school system and increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from one to two hundred.
 - He also introduced the School Sisters of Notre Dame to the New World to assist in religious instruction and staffing the orphanage.
 - He established Saint Peter's Parish in Riverside, New Jersey.
 - Neumann wrote in many Catholic newspaper and magazine articles. He also published two catechisms and a Bible history in German. There were also many teaching orders brought in by him. (www.catholic.org)
- 7) First American man and first American bishop to be canonized. (www.catholic.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



John Neumann 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 John Neumann 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) Where and when was he born?
- 2) Where was he ordained a priest and why here?
- 3) Did he prefer ministering in the city or countryside?
- 4) In what diocese did he become bishop?
- 5) What was one of the skills he brought to the people he ministered to?
- 6) What were some of his major accomplishments?
- 7) What was significant about his canonization to US history?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about John Neumann. How can you be more like him?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of his accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) On one occasion, John Neumann made a trip of 25 miles over mountain roads in order to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to a single child. Remember that transportation was difficult back in the 1850's. Attend confession. Discuss with your parents or counselor about your experience.
- 4) Research a ministry in your parish. Create a poster(s) that are written in a language other than your primary language. Describe a ministry in your parish. Participate and encourage other to help out with this ministry.
- 5) John Neumann took seriously our Lord's words, "Go and teach all nations." Meet with your Religious Education Coordinator at your church. Assist a catechism class or youth in grade K – 5th by sharing a craft activity (examples: weave a palm cross, make a rosary with them, read a story from the Bible).

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.AllForMary.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints