

## Answers to Requirements

- 1) Ossernenon, Iroquois Territory (Present day New York) in 1656. ([www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org))
- 2) A smallpox epidemic swept through the area, taking the lives of both her parents and her brother. It also left her with bad scars and poor eyesight. ([www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org))
- 3) A Jesuit priest, Father Jacques de Lamberville in 1676. ([www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org))
- 4) She escaped to Caughnawaga on the St. Laurence where she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. ([www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org))
- 5) Native American ministries in Catholic Churches all over the United States and Canada. ([www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org))
- 6) July 14<sup>th</sup>. ([www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org))
- 7) The first Native American beatified by the Catholic Church. ([www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org))

Visit [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://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



### Kateri Tekakwitha 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 Kateri Tekakwitha Activity Patch

**All** – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on [www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org) or [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org). Feel free to use other resources.

**1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Complete 5 requirements and 2 activities.

**6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Complete 6 requirements and 3 activities.

#### Requirements:

- 1) Where and when was she born?
- 2) What tragedy happened to her and her people when she was four years old?
- 3) Who was the person who converted and baptized her?
- 4) Where was she forced to move to and what did she do there?
- 5) What is the name of the association named after her?
- 6) When is Kateri’s feast day celebrated?
- 7) What special distinction does Kateri have to Catholic Americans?

#### Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about Kateri Tekakwitha. What is she known for? How can you be more like her?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of her accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) Kateri Tekakwitha found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day. Write a prayer, find a special place in nature and say your prayer.
- 4) At the Christian colony of Indians Kateri lived a life dedicated to prayer and care for the sick and aged. Find a small feather and pin it to your shirt in remembrance of Kateri Tekakwitha. Contact the volunteer coordinator at a local children's hospital or senior citizen home and arrange a visit. Bring some games to play. Share some laughs.

#### 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](http://www.catholic.org)
- [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)
- [www.NewAdvent.org](http://www.NewAdvent.org)
- [www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly](http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly)