

## Answers to Requirements

1) St. Anne

([http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Imm\\_Conception.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Imm_Conception.htm))

2) The feast commemorates the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.  
([http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Imm\\_Conception.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Imm_Conception.htm))

3) Solemnity December 8<sup>th</sup> – It is Holy Day of Obligation  
([http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Imm\\_Conception.htm](http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Imm_Conception.htm))

4) Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854.  
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5) “I am the Immaculate Conception”  
([www.ewtn.com/library/Mary/Lourdes150.HTM](http://www.ewtn.com/library/Mary/Lourdes150.HTM))

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 Cub or Boy 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 Marian Activity Patches?**

Yes. There may be additional Marian 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.

## Marian Series



### Immaculate Conception Activity Patch



National Catholic Committee on Scouting®

## Marian Activity Series

This activity is one of a series of religious activities that honor Mary, the Mother of God. The Church calendar for the United States includes nineteen commemorative Marian feasts. Each activity in this series examines one of the nineteen feasts and focuses on how and why the Church has honored Mary for more than 2,000 years.

### Requirements for Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Marian Activity Patch

**All** – Read about Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. You can find the answers to these questions on [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org), [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) and [www.fisheaters.com/customsadvent.html](http://www.fisheaters.com/customsadvent.html). Feel free to use other resources.

**1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Complete 3 requirements and 2 activities.

**6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Complete 4 requirements and 3 activities.

#### Requirements:

- 1) Who was Mary's mother?
- 2) What event is commemorated by the feast of the Immaculate Conception?
- 3) On what day is the feast day of the Immaculate Conception? Is it a Holy Day of Obligation?
- 4) Which Pope proclaimed the dogma regarding Mary as the Immaculate Conception? In what year?
- 5) In what words did Mary announce herself when she appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858?

#### Activities:

- 1) Draw a picture of Mary, the Immaculate Conception. Incorporate one or more Marian symbols in your picture. Share this picture with your family and friends.
- 2) Pray the Magnificat and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.
- 3) Visit or take a virtual tour of the [Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception](http://www.basilicaofourladyoftheimmaculateconception.org), America's patronal church.
- 4) Create paper lilies or roses to be displayed in your home for feasts of Mary. With your parents' help, find flower-making directions on the Internet.
- 5) Plant a portable "Mary Garden". Plant it in a large flower pot. Plant all one color, or one of each color: white, blue, violet and gold flowers to represent the Luminous, Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. Give the Mary Garden as a gift to someone to enjoy.

#### Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist youth with this Marian Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about Mary our Mother under the title of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to assure accuracy and understanding.
- 4) Fill out the order form for this Marian Activity and send it with payment to NCCS.

**For more information about this Marian feast, check out the websites below.**

- [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)
- [www.catholicism.about.com](http://www.catholicism.about.com)
- [www.catholicculture.org/culture](http://www.catholicculture.org/culture)
- [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)