

Answers to Requirements

1) The Cachot had been a jail. Bernadette's family was impoverished. Her health was poor; she had asthma and almost died from cholera. She struggled in school and was made fun of because of it. She could not make her First Communion with the other children because she could not complete her studies in proper French, the language of the Catechism.

2) Mary appeared to Bernadette 18 times. She told her "I am the Immaculate Conception." When Bernadette told the priest the woman had said that, it proved the apparition of Our Blessed Mother was real. It also supported the Church's teaching on Mary which was very controversial at the time.

3) St. Bernadette – April 16
(also the birthday of Pope Benedict XVI)
Our Lady of Lourdes – February 11
(Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation on this date in 2013.)

4) A pilgrimage is a journey to a shrine or sacred place. Mary appeared in the Grotto and there is a spring in that cave that began flowing during the ninth apparition; "Lourdes water" has been associated with miraculous healing of people with illnesses, injuries and disabilities.

5) The teaching that Mary was conceived without original sin; it was proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854.

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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 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



Our Lady of Lourdes Activity Patch



National Catholic Committee on Scouting®

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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 Lourdes Marian Activity Patch

All – Read about St. Bernadette Soubirous and Our Lady of Lourdes. You can find the answers to these questions on www.Catholic.org, www.americancatholic.org, or www.medjugorjeusa.org/lourdes.htm. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete first 3 requirements and 2 activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete first 3 requirements **plus one more** and 3 activities.

Requirements:

- 1) In 1858, Mary appeared to a young girl in the little French village of Lourdes. At the time, Bernadette and the Soubirous family were living at the Cachot. What had the Cachot been used for previously? What struggles did Bernadette have in her life?
- 2) How many times did Mary appear to Bernadette? Who did she tell her she was and why was that important?
- 3) What are the feast days of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette?
- 4) Many people make “pilgrimages” to the Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes? What is a “pilgrimage?” What is so special about that place and what miraculous things have happened there?
- 5) What is the “Dogma of the Immaculate Conception?” In what year and by which pope was it proclaimed?

Activities:

- 1) Draw or color a picture of Our Lady of Lourdes and share this picture with your family and friends. You can find coloring pages at the following sites:
<http://www.catholicplayground.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-coloring-page-february-11th/> or <http://www.waltzingm.com/2009/02/our-lady-of-lourdes.html>
- 2) Locate Lourdes on a map of France. With parental permission, visit this website to take a “virtual tour” of the grotto where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette:
www.360cities.net/image/grotto-our-lady-lourdes-france?utm_campaign=clickback&utm_medium=link_preview_gadget&utm_source=facebook.com#762.89,-8.85,18.6
- 3) Find a prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes (or write your own) and say it for someone who is sick and needs healing.
- 4) Rent/borrow a movie about St. Bernadette to watch it with your family or friends.

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 Lourdes.
- 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.
- 5) **Optional:** Make an “armchair pilgrimage” to Lourdes by renting the documentary *Our Lady of Lourdes* by Bob and Penny Lord.
http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_1/77-6105288-1028116?url=search-alias%3Dinstant-video&field-keywords=our+lady+of+lourdes

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

- www.americancatholic.org
- www.catholic.org