

Answers to Requirements

1) In the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity (140 Rue du Bac, Paris). She was standing on a globe with a serpent beneath her feet, rays of light coming from jewels on her hands, surrounded with the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The image rotated to reveal a large "M" intertwined with a cross and surrounded by 12 stars; there were 2 hearts, the Sacred Heart of Jesus above which was a crown of thorns, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary which was pierced by a sword. Mary asked that a medal be made of this image.

2) Many people were cured of their sickness, experienced a reversal of their bad fortunes, and had a conversion to the faith. They began to refer to the medal as the "Miraculous Medal."

3) November 27 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. November 28 is the Feast of St. Catherine of Labouré.

4) Alphonse Ratisbonne was a Jewish man who had denounced the Catholic Church. He was given a medal by a friend and converted after Mary appeared to him in the same image.

5) St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac founded the Daughters of Charity, the order to which St. Catherine belonged, in 1633. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the Sisters of Charity in 1812 in the United States, based on the Rule of St. Vincent de Paul and the Daughters of Charity. St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei in 1928, had a particular devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal; on her feast day in 1982, the establishment of Opus Dei as a personal prelature was made public.

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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 the Miraculous Medal Activity Patch



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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 Miraculous Medal Marian Activity Patch

All – Read about St. Catherine Laboure and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. You can find information at www.Catholic.org and on the websites for the Association of the Miraculous Medal (www.amm.org) and the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal (www.camm.org). An excellent book for young people is *The Miraculous Medal* by Mary Fabyan Windeatt.

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 1830, Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure of the Daughters of Charity. Where did she appear to her? What did she look like? What did she ask her to do?
- 2) After an investigation of the apparitions, the “Medal of the Immaculate Conception” was made and given to the people of Paris, who were sick with cholera. What happened?
- 3) What are the feast days of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Catherine Laboure?
- 4) Who was Alphonse Ratisbonne and why is he important in the history of the Miraculous Medal?
- 5) Several other saints have a connection to St. Catherine and the Miraculous Medal: St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Josemaria Escriva. Research at least one of them.

Activities:

- 1) Find a picture of the Miraculous Medal (www.cammonline.org/images/uploads/pdfs/M_M_Suggested_Activities.pdf) and learn the meaning of the symbols on the front and back. Share this with your family and friends.
- 2) Memorize the words on the front of the medal, “O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.” Discuss these words with your family and friends. What important Catholic teaching about Mary do these words support?
- 3) Wearing a Miraculous Medal is the second most popular Catholic Marian devotion. What is the most popular? Interview someone who wears a Miraculous Medal regularly and find out what it means to him or her.
- 4) Explore the website of the Association of the Miraculous Medal or the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal (see above). With parental permission, request a free Miraculous Medal to wear yourself. Help to promote this devotion.

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 Miraculous Medal.
- 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.amm.org
- www.camm.org
- www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=180

