

Answers to the Requirements

- 1) He is considered the Patron of Farmers in the USA (and all laborers)
- 2) March 12, 1622
- 3) Married to Saint Mary de la Cabeza
- 4) Attended Mass. He was a very devoted man to God and although poor himself gave generously to the poor and to animals.
 - Known to have fed half a bag of feed to the birds on the way to market, but when he reach the market the bag was full.
 - Known to have brought many beggars into church where they had very little food and by the time they had finished feeding everyone there was more food than what they started with.
- 5) - His employer was known to have seen angels plowing the land with St. Isidore.

Visit www.NCCS-BSA.org for information on how to order the Footsteps of American Saints patches.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can work on this program?

All youth and adults.

Do the youth need to submit the answers to the requirements when they are done with the activity?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The application and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Will there be more than one Activity Patch?

Yes. There will be an activity patch for every American Saint. Five new activities will be added each year. If a new American saint were to be canonized, that person would be added to the rotation in a timely manner.

How long will this saint be available for me to work on?

Each saint activity will be available for scouts to work on for two years. After that, the activity will be rotated off and replaced with a new saint.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem, and will Cub or Boy Scouts receive their religious knot after completing the form?

No. The activity is considered a religious activity not a religious emblem. Cub and Boy Scouts will not receive a religious knot after completing the form.

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Footsteps of American Saints



St. Isidore the Farmer Activity



National Catholic
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Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This program honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the church calendar for the United States, 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 in our country, however their lives and work have had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for St. Isidore the Farmer

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.americancatholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 of the activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 of the activities.

Requirements:

- 1) Although St. Isidore the Farmer never set foot on American soil, he is still widely respected as what in the USA?
- 2) When was he declared a saint?
- 3) St. Isidore the Farmer was married to a Saint. Who was she?
- 4) What did St. Isidore do every morning before work and why was it so important?
- 5) There are known to be several miracles surrounding St. Isidore life. Describe one of the miracles.

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor some of the values that you admire most about St. Isidore the Farmer. What is he known for? How can you be more like him?
- 2) Using newspaper, magazines and the Internet create a collage of pictures that describes the life of St. Isidore the Farmer.
- 3) St. Isidore the Farmer is known for helping those in need and for feeding animals. Attend a Mass in the morning and then perform a service project that will feed the needy or help the animals in your community.
- 4) Attend Mass every morning for a week. Discuss with your family or friends how it felt to start your day with Mass; then help others, before performing your regular day's activities.

Requirements for Adults

- 1) Assist the youth with this Footsteps of American Saints activity
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this Saint.
- 3) Review the youth requirements after they have completed the activity.
- 4) Fill out the application for this activity and send it along with the fee to the NCCS.

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

- www.Catholic.org
- www.AmericanCatholic.org
- www.newadvent.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly
- www.savior.org/saints/isidore.htm