Answers to Requirements

1) Toussaint was born June 27, 1766 in Haiti to slaves of Jean Berard. (www.toussaintacademy.org/pierretoussaint.html)

2) In 1787 there was a rebellion in Haiti and the Berard’s and 2 of their slaves moved to New York to avoid the danger. (www.toussaintacademy.org/pierretoussaint.html)


4) Toussaint is called the father of Catholic Charities, and helped open the first Catholic Orphanage and the first school for black children. (www.obmny.org/venerablepierre-toussaint.htm).


6) Pierre Toussaint was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II on December 18, 1996. (www.toussaintacademy.org/pierretoussaint.html).

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.

Visit www.nccs-bsa.org for information on how to order patches for any of our religious activities.

American Saint Series

Pierre Toussaint Activity Patch

National Catholic Committee on Scouting ®
American Saint Series 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 Pierre Toussaint Activity Patch


K thru 5th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 2 activities.
6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 6 requirements and 3 activities.

Requirements:

1) When and where was Pierre Toussaint born?
2) What prompted the Toussaint move to New York?
3) What profession did Toussaint begin in New York?
4) Toussaint helped establish something important in New York City – what was it?
5) Toussaint helped another American Saint by providing much support to this institution. Who and what did he support?
6) What year was Toussaint declared Venerable?

Activities:

1) Pierre Toussaint was very compassionate to the poor. Identify a homeless shelter in your area and donate either your time, talent or treasure.
2) Toussaint also cared very much for the infirmed. Write a letter of prayer support to someone in a hospital or health care facility.
3) Toussaint understood the importance of education, especially for the black American’s in New York. Talk to your parents or counselor about your education, and why education is so important.
4) Toussaint attended Mass daily throughout his life. With your parents or counselor, attend daily Mass (not the Sunday liturgy). Notice the other participants at Mass and discuss the impact of daily Mass with your parents/counselor.

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.loyolapress.com
- www.toussaintacademy.org
- www.catholic.org/saints
- www.catholicism.about.com
- www.americancatholic.org
- www.saintsresource.com