Answers to Requirements

1) Casey was born Nov. 25, 1870 in Oak Grove WI as Bernard Francis Casey – he was the sixth child to immigrant parents from Ireland. (http://solanuscasey.org/who-is-father-solanus/irish-roots)

2) Casey was 27 when he took the name Fr. Francis Solanus in the Capuchin monastery in Detroit. (http://solanuscasey.org/who-is-father-solanus/call-to-priesthood).

3) Casey was ordained a “simplex priest”, unable to hear confessions or preach doctrine. He was a Sacristan and Doorkeeper. (http://solanuscasey.org/who-is-father-solanus/the-message).

4) Fr. Solanus was assigned first to Sacred Heart Friary, Yonkers NY, then Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, New York City, Our Lady of Angels, Harlem NY, St. Bonaventure, Detroit MI, and St. Felix Friary, Huntington IN. (http://solanuscasey.org/who-is-father-solanus/significant-dates-in-the-life-of-fr-solanus).

5) “I have two loves: the sick and the poor”. He prayed for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit. (http://solanuscasey.org/who-is-father-solanus/the-sick-poor).

6) Fr. Solanus Casey was Beatified by Pope Francis on November 18, 2017 (http://www.solanuscenter.org/beatification).

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.
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 Solanus Casey Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on http://www.sol anuscenter.org/. Feel free to use other resources.

K thru 5th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 2 activities OR visit the Solanus Casey Shrine in Detroit MI.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 6 requirements and 3 activities OR visit the Solanus Casey Shrine in Detroit MI.

Requirements:

1) When and where was Fr. Solanus Casey born? And what was his given name

2) How old was Casey when he entered religious life? What congregation did he join?

3) Fr. Solanus didn’t do well academically in seminary, what were his duties when he was ordained?

4) What (local) missions did Fr. Solanus work?

5) Casey had two loves during his ministry – what were they?

6) When was Fr. Solanus Casey Beatified?

Activities:

1) Fr. Solanus had a passion for poor and sick – volunteer at a shelter helping those in need.

2) Fr. Solanus established the Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Volunteer at a Soup Kitchen in your area.

3) Fr. Solanus had much compassion for those that are sick. Create a card or letter for someone in a hospital/nursing home, and deliver it in person to cheer/pray with the person.

4) Fr. Solanus was a doorkeeper, greeting visitors to the monastery. As a doorkeeper he was a friend to many. Spend one day greeting all you meet with an open heart, noting how that impacts those you greet.

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.solanusc asey.org/who-is-father-solanus
- www.Catholic.org
- www.catholic.org/saints
- www.catholicism.about.com
- www.americancatholic.org
- www.saintsresource.com