Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts 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 Faith Activity Patches?
Yes. There may be additional Faith 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.
Requirements for Divine Mercy Activity Patch

All – Read about the Divine Mercy devotion. You may find the answers to these questions on http://thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/image.php. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 3 requirements and 2 activities OR visit a Divine Mercy Shrine with your family/group.

6th thru 12th Grades – Complete 4 requirements and 3 activities OR visit a Divine Mercy Shrine with your family/group.

Requirements:

1. Who did the Lord appear to in 1931?
2. Describe the vision this person saw.
3. Our Lord asked for special prayers and devotion at a specific time of the day. What is that time, and what makes it ‘special’?
4. In 1935 a vision was given that prompted St. Faustina to pray for God’s mercy. What is the name of the prayer she said on her rosary?
5. The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets asks for prayers for different intentions on each of nine days. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Mercy Sunday (the first Sunday after Easter). What are those intentions?

Activities:

1. Learn the prayers for the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
2. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with your family or Unit.
3. Spend an hour in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and keep in mind the three Divine Mercy messages: A – Ask for His Mercy; B – Be Merciful; C – Completely trust in Jesus.
5. Attend Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions. Held the Sunday after Easter, a plenary indulgence is received if you go to Confession, receive the Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. Learn more about a plenary indulgence. http://catholicism.about.com/od/baltimorecatechism/f/Question_234_BC.htm

Requirements for Adults

1. Assist youth with this Faith Series Activity.
2. Share your understanding of Divine Mercy.
3. Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to ensure accuracy and understanding.
4. Fill out the order form for this Faith Series Activity and send it with payment to NCCS.

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

- http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/
- http://catholicism.about.com/od/prayers/ht/Chaplet_DM.htm
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mN26qGt7MN0