



National Catholic Committee on Scouting®

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To: Diocesan Chairs and Chaplains

In response to concerns about how our Scouts can complete their Catholic Religious Emblems during the current national health emergency, the NCCS Religious Emblems committee has approved the following recommendations and adjustments for diocesan committees to use:

For all members

- For Cubs and Scouts who are working on their Emblems in groups, we suggest continuing to work using media such as teleconferencing applications whenever possible. Be sure to follow all BSA and Diocesan youth protection guidelines.

For Cub Scouts working on Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei

- Cubs can always work on these emblems in their families. No counselor is needed.
- Cubs should complete these programs before crossing over (either moving up to Bear for Light of Christ or Scouts BSA for Parvuli Dei.)
- **For this year only**, Cubs who have crossed over have until Dec. 31, 2020 to complete their religious emblem requirements, *provided that they began working on the emblem before crossing over*. **This is a one-time exception and will expire on 12/31/2020.**

For Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts working on Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII

- The work on these emblems is to be finished before the 18th birthday for Scouts BSA and before the 21st birthday for Venturers and Sea Scouts.
- Boards of Review for these emblems are done according to diocesan procedures and may be held after the 18th or 21st birthday.
- **For this year only**, Scouts who have begun work on these emblems before their birthday and are unable to complete the requirements because of the current national health emergency have until six months after their birthday or Dec. 31, 2020, whichever is later to complete their work. **This is a one-time exception and will expire on 12/31/2020.**

Other Activities

- Don't forget that the NCCS Activities Committee has many patch programs to keep your Scouts engaged in their faith during this difficult time: <https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/religious-activities>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Yours in Catholic Scouting,

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