

## **Ad Altare Dei – training information**

Please consider these important areas when training counselors

Most chapters end with an activity with several choices. Each group is different – some will want to make videos or musical presentations while other may want to do art or write an article. Whichever they choose, these often work well as a group activity.

Opportunities to attend sacraments come up at different times and may not occur at the time that sacrament is being studied. Take advantage of the opportunity and discuss the experience when you get to that sacrament.

Retreats and Days of Recollection can be difficult to find, start looking for these as early as possible so that everything can be completed in time for the Board of review. Check the [chicagocatholicscouting.org](http://chicagocatholicscouting.org) website for the date of the Day of Recollection, usually in October.

Chapter 1 Signs & Sacramentals: remind the counselors that there are three scripture readings and homilies that need to be discussed with the scout's family. A suggestion is to have the scout have the discussion on the ride home from church or during Sunday dinner and then write down the information. The retreat or Day of Recollection is required in this chapter.

Chapter 2 Baptism: plan the prayer service in advance – it works well at the end of the session. Plan to attend a baptism at your parish or watch a video.

Chapter 3 Confirmation: plan ahead for the service project that comes from the scout's list of gifts and talents. This service project is separate from the one required for Anointing of the Sick.

Chapter 4 Eucharist: this is a long chapter and will usually require at least two sessions. A visit to a church needs to be arranged to talk about the items in the Seek & Find on page 25. The counselor also needs to help the scouts with selecting the three things that make their celebration of the Eucharist meaningful and help them plan to do these three things

Chapter 5 Reconciliation: in Activity B3 prepare for the possible penances that the scouts might suggest. This can be a very interesting section and the counselor should be prepared to discuss these sins and their effects and penance. Also, in B. Activity 4 it asks the counselor to assist the scout in reconciling with someone.

Chapter 6 Anointing of the Sick: in Activity B4b the scouts are to act out the administration of the sacrament. The counselor may need to help prepare the scouts to act out their parts. The faith response asks the scout to write a prayer that can be shared with a sick person. A Month-long project assisting someone is required suggestions on how to help an elderly sick or injured person are listed. The person helped should be someone other than a person the scout is already helping or the chores/assistance needs to be different. This project should be different and separate from the one needed in Confirmation. . Check your parish for the dates that they do the special blessing for the sick, your scouts may be able to assist with this mass/blessing at church.

Chapter 7 Holy Orders: for B Activity 1- counselors can find good videos of ordinations on the internet. In the faith response one of the choices is to visit a seminary. Look for any upcoming activities or events that the Archdiocese Catholic Committee on Scouting or your parish might offer. Check the [chicagocatholicscouting.org](http://chicagocatholicscouting.org) website for the "Fishers of Men" event at Mundelein usually held in September.

Chapter 8 Marriage: Counselors need to be mindful that each scout's home life may be different. For Activity B 4, help arrange for a couple to talk with other than their parents if needed. Faith response C1 asks the scout to do something to help their family grow stronger and stay united, sensitivity to the home life is important here too.