



Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Committee on Scouting



Covid-19 Recommendations

Ad Altare Dei & Pope Pius XII

First, we would like to thank you for your continued commitment to working with our scouts to complete the religious emblems programs. The ability to work with a group remotely by video conferencing is a real blessing for us. Remember that we still must maintain 2-deep leadership and the YPT standards when working by video conferencing.

Please note that the Fishers of Men event at Mundelein has been postponed until 2021. The Day of Reflection at Techny (October 10th) remain unchanged as of May 16th. Please check our website chicagocatholicscouting.org for any updates or changes

We have gone through the workbooks to highlight the items that cannot be done right now, and either offer some suggestions or recommend putting them off until the end of the program. Also included are updated information sheets for each emblem. Please use these in your planning.

What follows is our recommendations for parts of the programs that are difficult to complete while we are all expected to stay at home.

Application to begin working on the Ad Altare Dei & Pope Pius XII Emblem

- The pastor and scoutmaster/unit leaders can be contacted by phone, text or email to get their approval. Keep a note of the date for phone calls and save texts and emails to refer to the dates when you are able to get the actual signatures.
- Counselors make a note of your first meeting date and use that for your signature when you are able
- The scout and their parent should sign the form by the first meeting date

Ad Altare Dei

- You can find good videos of the sacraments to watch in place of attending them at church
- service projects – Confirmation & Anointing of the Sick
 - Delay these service projects until late in the program.
 - Look to see if there are opportunities to cut grass, rake leaves or do outdoor chores for the Anointing of the Sick service project that would not include personal contact with the recipient.
 - Any service project that has personal contact involved should be avoided for now, please check with the committee before approving any project like this.

Pope Pius XII

- service project -the same recommendations above, apply here
- interviews for careers can be done by phone or video conferencing
- individual presentations can be done by video conferencing, extra time may be needed.

For both AAD and PPXII

- Remind all participants that they need a copy of the workbook and a bible.
- be mindful that discussions may be different working by video conferencing than they would be in person. As counselor/facilitator try to get everyone to participate and keep things moving. Add an occasional comment or observation to enliven the discussions.
- Structure your time so that the participants don't become bored or distracted. You may need to have more, but shorter session when working by video conferencing.
- Begin planning how you will complete the items that have been deferred until late in the program so you will be ready when the time comes.
- At this time, the Boards of Review will occur on the normal schedule, early in December.

