



Pillars of Faith

Overview

The purpose of the **Pillars of Faith** program is to provide a special recognition to those youth in Scouting who have earned all four of the Catholic Religious Emblems. Very few Scouts earn the Eagle Rank, and even fewer earn a Religious Emblem of their faith. Earning all four Religious Emblems is a monumental feat and demonstrates tremendous commitment to their Catholic Faith. The **Pillars of Faith Program- Duty to God Pin** recognizes these Scouts.

The name and design of the award represent the fact that the four Religious Emblems, one for each program are like pillars, supporting the Scouts' development in and appreciation of their religious faith. The Religious Emblems are the pillars, not the roof, for none of us are ever done growing in our faith. The design also includes the Church, the Bible, the Cross, other essential elements in faith. The pin can be worn on the scout uniform or as a lapel pin on non-scouting attire.

Eligibility

The Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Committee on Scouting has adopted the Pillars of Faith award program to recognize Scouts who demonstrate noteworthy achievement in the Catholic Religious Emblems program. The Pillars of Faith-Duty to God Award can be earned by Catholics who are members of the Boy Scouts of America and who have earned all four of the Catholic Religious Emblems: Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei/Light is Life, and Pope Pius XII. All requirements must be met, and all completed forms must be received by the ACCCS before the youth turns 21 years old. No exceptions can be made. The award consists of a golden pin which can be worn on the Scout uniform or as a lapel pin on non-Scouting attire. Eligible Youth should complete the application and forward it to:

Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Committee on Scouting 2617 Lancelot Lane, Dyer, IN 46311

Presentation of the Pillars of Faith Award and Pin

This award should be presented as the highest religious recognition that Scouts can achieve in their home diocese. The **Pillars of Faith** pin is presented at Holy Name Cathedral at the annual religious emblems ceremony.