

Bronze Pelican Award

An Adult Boy or Girl Scouting Award

Catholic Diocese of Richmond



History

The pelican has long been a symbol of Christ because mariners said that the female pelican would pluck her breast to feed her young, her own lifeblood. In fact, pelicans do not bleed themselves, but the blood of fish in their bills would fall on their chest and give the appearance of a wound. Never the less, this enduring symbol of Christ has continued, as he gave his lifeblood, to give His children life. The pelican is an excellent symbol of adult leaders that gave of themselves to our youth.

Observing the use and value of an award presented to adults for outstanding service and contribution to the development of Catholic youth in the programs of scouting, the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Richmond recommended the implementation of the Bronze Pelican Award in July 2000.

Overview

The Bronze Pelican Award is a Diocesan recognition sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Richmond. It may be presented to any adult who is working with the scouting program under the Catholic auspices, to Catholics in scout units not chartered by the Church, and those who have made a significant contribution to scouting in the field of Catholic relationships. This award may be given to Catholic lay members, priests and pastoral coordinators or those of another faith who have been supportive of Catholic scouting. The purpose of this program is to recognize the recipient's outstanding contribution to the development of youth in the programs of the Boy/Girl Scouts. *No honorary recognitions will be made.*

Selection Process

A special committee from members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Richmond will limit the number of annual awards with emphasis on the importance of being selective and determine those to be awarded this honor. Recommendations must carefully detail how the nominee meets the guidelines for selection. The Bronze Pelican recommendations will be evaluated on the basis of the guidelines described.

Nominations

Each Unit, Council and Parish is requested to submit the name of a possible candidate for the reception of this award. An individual or group of individuals who are able to attest that the nominee has empowered youth and modeled Gospel values, may submit a nomination.

Guidelines

1. Recipients of the Bronze Pelican must be exemplary adults and have the approval of the their Pastor before the award is given.
2. Promote Catholic scouting by:
 - Participating in special Catholic scouting events (Retreatoree, Scout Sunday, etc.)
 - Preserving and developing Catholic Units of Boy and Girl Scouts in the Parish
 - Demonstrating leadership on scouting units, District and Council Level
 - Working in cooperation with Diocesan and National Leadership.
3. Supports and further develops the Catholic faith of both youth and adults in scouting by:
 - Leading others to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith.
 - Modeling behavior that reflects Gospel values.
 - Teaching respect and dignity for all people.
 - Encouraging scouts to live out the faith commitment made at Baptism.
4. Has been a member of Catholic Scouting in the Diocese of Richmond for at least 3 years.

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Nomination Application



Record of Candidate

- ◆ In the parish and/or Diocese—include relevant facts, dates, offices held, etc.
- ◆ In Boy/Girl Scouts—include relevant facts, dates, offices held, at National, Council, District and/or Unit Levels
- ◆ In other Community Organizations—include activities in business, civic, religious, educational, fraternal and other fields
- ◆ Outline contributions and impact in the spiritual development of Catholic members
- ◆ Letter(s) of Recommendation

Nominations are confidential.

Nominee Information

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Parish _____ City _____
Registered in Scouts as _____ Council _____
Unit Type/Number _____ Chartered by _____
Total Years of Service : To Scouts _____ To Youth _____ In Diocese _____

Nominated By

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone () _____

Pastor's Endorsement

I, _____, the Pastor of _____ Parish
have reviewed the application for the aforementioned candidate for the reception of the Bronze
Pelican Award and endorse this candidate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Forward completed nomination form with all support documentation by January 31st to:

Office for Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults
Catholic Diocese of Richmond
7800 Carousel Lane
Richmond, VA 23294
Email—scouting@richmonddiocese.org

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