

Mary, The First Disciple Program Overview



The Marian Medal program helps Catholic Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls learn about the Blessed Virgin Mary and apply what they learn to their everyday life. It enables girls to "proclaim the greatness of the Lord."

Program Objectives

The four chapters cover:

- Called and Chosen
- Mary Made a Difference
- God Within Us
- Mary, a Woman For All Times

This is accomplished by actively involving the participants in an understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality—a woman of the Church. Through various projects, discussions, and liturgical celebrations over a period of months, the participants are provided with a unique opportunity to develop new insights into their personalities, friends, parents, and the world around them.

Eligibility

This program is designed for scouts ages 12-16, in Grades 7-10.

Process to earn the Mary, The First Disciple Emblem

- The first step for earning Mary, the First Disciple emblem is a commitment on the part of the scout. This emblem requires an Adult Advisor or Scout Leaders to supervise the work.
- Order workbook from the Office for Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults at scouting@richmonddiocese.org or 804-622-5159 and submit workbook fee.
- An Adult Guide is mailed along with the girl workbook.
- Scouts sign the Declaration of Intent included in the workbook. One copy of the Declaration is kept by the Scout, the other turned in to the Advisor.
- Scout begins work on the award under the supervision of an Adult Advisor or Scout Leader.
- A separate journal is required for some of the activities.
- This is an individualize, girl led program. The girl will choose which activities she would like to complete through this faith journey.
- Upon completion, the girl, parent/guardian, advisor and Pastor sign the Application for Mary, the First Disciple Religious Medal Program.
- Remove the completed Application page from the booklet. Make a copy for your records.
- Forward the completed Application, Order Form and payment for the religious emblem to:

Office for Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults
Catholic Diocese of Richmond
7800 Carousel Lane
Richmond, VA 23294
- The Religious Emblems Order Form can be found at evangelizerichmond.org/youth under Scouting.
- The presentation of the emblem is done at the parish. Scouts are also encouraged to attend the Annual Diocesan Scout Mass where they will be recognized. It is recommended to have all paperwork submitted to the Diocese a month prior to ensure acknowledgement of the award at the Mass.

For more information, visit:

Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office for Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults
evangelizerichmond.org/youth

National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts USA and Camp Fire USA
nccgscf.org