

Pope Pius XII Program Overview



The Pope Pius XII is a church-related ministries and vocation program. The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious and ordained) occupations and ministries in the church as calls from God. It includes participant led discussions on current issues facing the church and society which are normally included as part of a Pope Pius XII retreat or day of recollection.

Eligibility

- Registered Boy Scouts or Venturing Crew Scouts of the Catholic faith
- Designed for youth 15-18 years old for Boy Scouts and 15-21 for Venturing Crew Scouts

Participant's Role

- Attend scheduled meetings, actively share in group discussions and complete all interviews/ activities
- Record all journal entries and written work legible and neat
- Keep the Facilitator informed of your progress
- Prepare to share your experiences at the Board of Review

Facilitator's Role

- Religious Emblems Facilitators should be approved in advance by their Pastor, the Scout Chaplain or the Catholic Committee on Scouting
- All Religious Emblems Facilitators must have current BSA Youth Protection (Boy Scout and Venturing) and local Diocesan Youth Protection Training
- Hold regular meetings, 60-90 minutes long, with the Pope Pius XII group
- Act as a Facilitator, not group leader
- Help the participants focus on essential elements and important issues
- Refer to the Facilitator's Guide for integral information and necessary resources

Process to earn Pope Pius XII Emblem

- Find a Religious Emblems Facilitator through the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office for Evangelization of Youth and Young adults at evangelizerichmond.org/youth.
- Purchase the Pope Pius XII Participant Manual at the Tidewater BSA Store.
- Complete the Application to Begin Working on the Pope Pius Emblem in the front of the Participant Manual. Make sure you get all the necessary signatures—Applicant, Parent, Facilitator, Scoutmaster and Pastor. Do NOT remove the application from the Participant Manual.
- After all the requirements have been completed, contact the Office for Evangelization of Youth and Youth Adults at scouting@richmonddiocese.org or 804-622-5159 to arrange the Pope Pius XII Board of Review.
 - * The Diocesan Chair or Chaplain should lead the Board of Review. The panel should consist of one priest, one lay person and two participants who have previously received the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem.
 - * The Board of Review should last approximately 10-15 minutes. In that time, the panel can determine whether the Scout is ready for the emblem.
 - * After a successful Board of Review, members of the panel should sign the Application for Review and Presentation Pope Pius XII Emblem certifying that the Scout passed the review and is recommended for the award.
- Make a copy of the completed application 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.
- Scout mails the Participant Evaluation Form to the National Catholic Committee on Scouting at the address in Irving, TX on the evaluation form.
- The presentation of the emblem is done at the parish. Scouts are encouraged to attend the Annual Diocesan Scout Mass where they will be recognized. If the scout plans to attend the Diocesan Mass, allow at least one month lead time to process that application prior to the Mass.
- Scouts who earn this Religious Emblem are also entitled to wear a BSA Religious Knot over their left pocket. If the scout already earned the knot, there is a device for subsequent emblems. The knot/device should be presented at a Court of Honor or Troop/Crew meeting.

For more information, visit:

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

National Catholic Committee on Scouting
nccs-bsa.org under *Religious Emblems*