

Diocese of Richmond Catholic Scouting



St. Agnes of Rome Program



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Purpose:

- The purpose is to foster advancement in knowledge and spiritual growth for Catholic youth.
- Explore the opportunity to give service to his/her family, church, community or country.
- To encourage Girl Scouts to learn about their patron saint.

Eligibility:

- A practicing Catholic youth who is in the grades 3-5.
- Middle school youth in grades 6-8 and high school youth in grades 9-12.
- A youth that receives regular religious instruction through a Catholic school or religious education classes.

What:

- This is a specially designed religious recognition program for youth in the Diocese of Richmond.

Administration Procedures:

- After completion of program, collect the application, group advisor evaluation, and parent evaluation and follow instructions on the order form found online at:
<http://evangelizerichmond.org/youth/scouting/girl-scouts/>.

Instructions:

- The youth may work on this religious recognition individually or in a group.
- All work must be completed by the youth.
- Since this religious recognition program is for primary, middle or high school students, please note the age appropriate activities.
- The activities that are marked with stars *** are only for middle/high school students. However, the girls in middle and high school are required to complete all activities unless otherwise mentioned.
- Girl Scout Religious Recognition Moderators, parents/guardians, DRE, CRE, Deacons, or priest may be the adult guide through the program.
- Meeting location, hour, day, and time will be determined by the adult guide with consent of parents/guardians.
- Length of time to complete program could vary from one month to six months.
- After completion of program, the parish priest/administrator or a person designated by the priest/administrator reviews the handbook and signs the application.
- The youth and a parent/guardian must also sign the application found in the back of the book.

Materials/Resources needed:

- St. Agnes of Rome religious recognition handbook
- Three ring binder
- Notebook paper – use of notebook paper will enable youth to add, remove, and redo pages that are necessary to present a neat, well-organized program notebook.
- Pencils/crayons/markers
- Picture of St. Agnes of Rome
- Information on the life of St. Agnes of Rome via internet, library, *Saints to Remember*, 1963 edition, or other saint books, and the book – “The Laurel Poetry Series” *Keats*, Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 1959 (also listed on the internet at www.library.utoronto.ca/utel/rp/poems/keats13.html)

St. Agnes of Rome was one of the most “widely honored of Roman martyrs and one of the most popular of Christian saints”. With this in mind, answer the following questions and do the activities.

Provide a brief biography on St. Agnes of Rome by answering the following questions:

1. When is St. Agnes’ Feast Day? _____
2. How is the Feast Day of St. Agnes celebrated in Rome? **Write it in your notebook.**
3. List three (3) meanings of her name _____

4. Where did she die? _____
5. When did she die? _____
6. Where is St. Agnes buried and what marks her gravesite? _____

7. St. Agnes is the Patron Saint of Girl Scouts. She is also a Patron Saint of others. List three (3) of them.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

Youth in middle/high school complete the starred * items 8 – 10 also.**

8. ***** How did she die?**

9. ***Name two distinguishing characteristics that St. Agnes had and how can you apply them in your life today. _____

10. *** St. Agnes is also a Patron Saint of betrothed and engaged couples. What does your parish do to prepare a couple for marriage? Write this information in your notebook.

11. Draw or paste a picture of St. Agnes of Rome in this booklet or place the picture in your notebook.

12. What are three (3) things you noticed in the picture? For example, What is she holding? List them below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

13. St. Agnes is usually shown with a lamb or dove. What does the lamb and dove signify? _____

14. In primary grades, can you remember a story/stories from the Bible of a lamb and dove? Discuss the story/stories and write in this workbook some main points of the story/stories or draw a picture of the story below the lines.

15. For primary grades, discuss how Jesus was the Sacrificial Lamb. Write what was discussed in your notebook. Complete the following activity by coloring the lamb's head and legs. Use cotton balls for the body. If you so choose, make a mobile using two or more pictures.

PART II

CUSTOMS, CEREMONIES, AND LITERATURE

17. On the Feast of St. Agnes, there is a special ceremony that is rich in custom and symbolism using two lambs. Write in your notebook a brief description of the ceremony and what happens with the lamb's wool.
18. There are many old customs prevalent on the Eve of St. Agnes that concern rites in which the village maidens discovered their future husbands. In your notebook, write at least two (2) customs.
19. **Youth in high school complete this starred item******* John Keats (1795 – 1821) wrote a poem *The Eve of St. Agnes*. Read the poem and write a brief synopsis about the poem in your notebook.
20. Traditional and contemporary prayers have been written to honor St. Agnes. Choose one of them and write it in your notebook.
21. Using the knowledge that you have learned from her biography or from your resource materials, write your own prayer of St. Agnes in your notebook.



PART III

SERVICE TO FAMILY, CHURCH, COMMUNITY & COUNTRY

One of the purposes of this program is exploring ways to serve Family, Church, Community and Country. With this in mind, list what you are doing or will do in each of these categories. For example, do chores at home, altar server at church, collect can goods for a local food shelter, display a flag on Flag Day or throughout the year.

FAMILY: _____

CHURCH: _____

COMMUNITY: _____



CONGRATULATIONS!

You have completed all the requirements and can now fill out the attached application.

**APPLICATION FOR “ST. AGNES OF ROME” RELIGIOUS
RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

PARISH & CITY _____

AGE _____ GRADE _____

BOY SCOUT/GIRL SCOUT/CAMP FIRE TROOP NUMBER _____

MODERATOR _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER & AREA CODE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

(Signature of child)

I support my child’s application for “The St. Agnes of Rome” Religious Recognition Program and give permission to publish my child’s name ___yes ___no.

(Signature of parent/guardian)

(Signature of moderator)

(Date)

GROUP ADVISOR EVALUATION – “ST. AGNES OF ROME”
RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

PARISH AND CITY _____

NUMBER STARTING PROGRAM _____

NUMBER COMPLETING PROGRAM _____

What did you like about this program? _____

What spiritual growth effect has this program had on the child (children)? _____

How many patches do you want? _____

Age(s) of child (children) _____ Grade(s) _____

If in scouts, circle the appropriate one. Boy Scouts Girl Scouts Camp Fire

Please send applications, evaluations, order form, and payment to:

Office for Evangelization
Attn: Girl Scouts
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Richmond, VA 23294

The order form can be found online at: <http://evangelizerichmond.org/youth/scouting/girl-scouts/>.

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