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## Chairman's Report

Indeed, 2020 has been a challenging year. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted our schedules and we each have learned to make changes. We continue to work with our youth on religious emblems and meet as a committee every other month. We have also made significant improvements on the Chapel of the Twelve Apostles and cabin at the H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

Speaking of Bartle and changes, a big THANK YOU goes out to John Swartz (from our committee) and BJ Straw our Bartle Ranger. These two men have worked together to update and upgrade the chapel and adjacent cabin. These improvements were needed, but came at a cost. Please consider a gift/donation to our CCS to recoup some of these costs, so we can continue to have a strong program for our Catholic youth we serve.

I would also like to thank our chaplain, Fr. Joe Powers, for his service and leadership to our committee and Scouting. In case you were not aware, Fr. Joe also currently serves as the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Chaplain. Congratulations Father, and thank you for giving your time, talent, and leadership to Catholic Scouting. As always, thank you for all you do for Scouting. You may contact me at 816-665-6876 or [moneil@kc.rr.com](mailto:moneil@kc.rr.com).

**Mike O'Neil, Chairman**

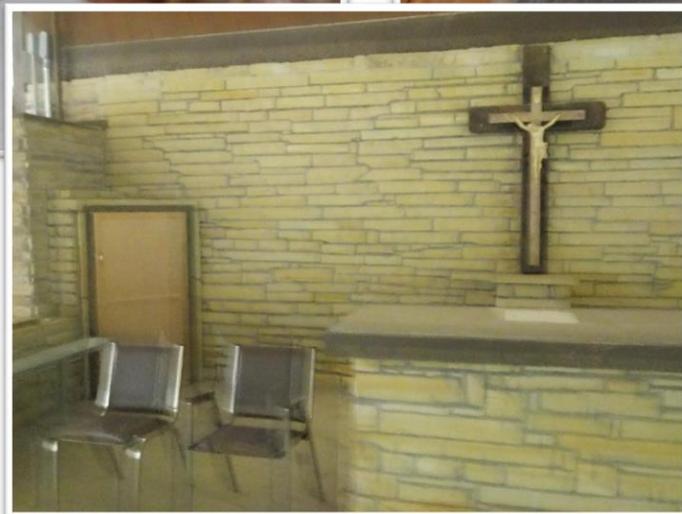
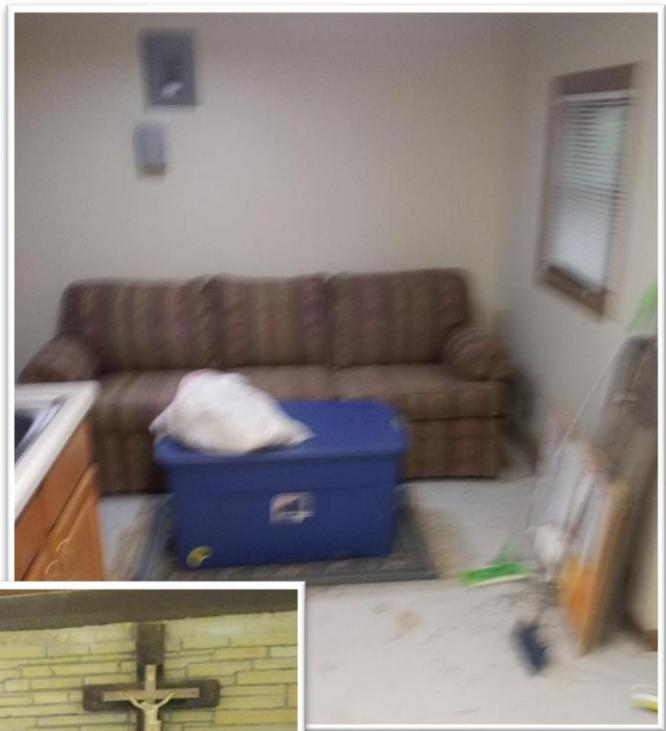
## Chaplain's Report

As we approach a new year, it is traditional to make resolutions to change past behaviors and habits.

It is important that all Catholic units do the same. The NCCS tool "National Catholic Unit Excellence Award" is a great way to evaluate your Pack, Troop or Crew. It is not the award per se; rather, the evaluation of whether your unit is meeting basic requirements set down for Catholic units.

In addition, it is time to nominate adults who have given support to the ideals of Scouting in the Catholic Church. Is there an adult – Catholic or not - in your unit who has given a number of years as a religious emblems counselor? A long-serving Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Crew Advisor who keeps the Catholic identity alive? A priest, deacon or religious who give much needed encouragement and assistance? Forms for all of the above can be found under the *Religious Awards* tab on the Committee Website: [www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com](http://www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com)

**Fr. Joe Powers, Chaplain**



**2020  
Chaplain's  
Cabin  
Renovations**



# **Chapel of the Twelve Apostles**

## **Bartle Scout Reservation**

### **Summer 2020**

I've been the caretaker for the Catholic Chapel the last three summers. Living at the cabin, hosting meetings, and preparing for Sunday services. Summer '20 was a little different in that no Masses were offered. The chapel and adjacent cabin have undergone significant upgrades over this period and the Catholic Committee on Scouting is committed to making our chapel a worthy space of reflection.

Upgrades come at a cost and the committee has been fortunate with a long term legacy of giving. That legacy is now exhausted with still much to achieve. In the last three years, we have paid for a new roof on the chapel, installed drain lines for upcoming gutters and downspouts, added additional trim to minimize bat roosts in the ceiling, painted the ceiling, installed LED lighting fixtures. In the cabin we have remediated mold and mildew, remodeled the bathroom, and again replaced all lighting to more efficient LED fixtures.

The chapel serves as a meeting space for several reservation events. As a welcoming church we take this opportunity to showcase our facility and provide comfort for all that gather.

Adding to our woes for 2020 was the lack of Sunday collections, thus an additional drain on limited finances. Future projects include the gutters and downspouts and a very expensive replacement of chapel fans. The accompanying pictures show some of the improvements to the cabin.

With the scheduled return of ten-day sessions in 2021, I look forward to Sunday Celebrations of the Mass. Please consider our ministry to Catholic Scouting as you decide on charitable contributions.

**John Swartz**  
**Caretaker, Catholic Chapel**

## Annual Religious Emblems Ceremony

The Religious Emblem Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The location has yet to be determined.

This ceremony recognizes Catholic Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA that have earned their Catholic religious emblem the previous year. Adults receiving the Bronze Pelican and St. George Emblem are also recognized.

Bishop James Johnston and Father Joe Powers will be personally congratulating each recipient, and a professional photographer will be on hand to take an individual photo with the Bishop.

***The deadline for inclusion in the 2021 ceremony is February 3, 2021.*** All emblem orders for Cub Scouts or Scouts must be received by this date.

See the article below for ordering instructions.

**Mary Stoner**  
Religious Emblems Chair

### Do you need to order a Catholic Scout Religious Emblem?

Visit the Catholic Committee on Scouting website, [www.catholicscouting-ksj.com](http://www.catholicscouting-ksj.com), and click on the *RELIGIOUS AWARDS* tab. The emblem order and payment form is on the right-hand side of the page. All emblems are to be ordered and paid for from the site.

If you have questions, contact Mary Stoner, Religious Emblems Chair, at: [mstoner2005@comcast.net](mailto:mstoner2005@comcast.net).

Have a story about your unit you would like to share? Send it to our editor: R. Scott Smith at [rss1600@aol.com](mailto:rss1600@aol.com) Mark your e-mail subject line as: CCOS Story.

## Adult Recognition

Do you know an adult that has made a significant contribution to Catholic Scouting? If you answered yes, then please consider nominating them for recognition at our annual ceremony.

There are two recognitions for adults:

### Bronze Pelican

The Bronze Pelican is awarded by a local Diocesan Committee on Scouting which established its own requirements. The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph uses this award. The Bronze Pelican recognizes adults that have contributed to Scouting as a Youth Ministry.

### St. George Emblem

The St. George Emblem is awarded by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and recognizes Scouters and non-Scouters alike who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth through Scouting.

Specific requirements, mailing instructions and nomination forms are available under the *Religious Awards* tab on the Committee on Scouting website: [www.catholicscouting-ksj.com](http://www.catholicscouting-ksj.com)

The deadline for consideration for the 2021 ceremony is January 1, 2021. All nominations must be post-marked by this date.

### Religious Emblem Counselors Available Throughout the Diocese

If you're in need of an Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII class for your Catholic scout, visit the Catholic Committee on Scouting website: [www.catholicscouting-ksj.com](http://www.catholicscouting-ksj.com) and click on the RELIGIOUS AWARDS tab. On the right side of the page, click on Counselor List under the DOCUMENTS heading.

## Donations For Chapel Needed

Over the past two years, the Catholic Committee on Scouting has been conducting a number of repairs and renovations to the Catholic Chapel of the Twelve Apostles located at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. This chapel was constructed through the generosity of the membership of the Catholic Committee on scouting along with other parties interested in the enrichment of Catholic youth through scouting. Your donation of any amount will ensure the continued use of this important facility for years to come.

You may donate online at [www.catholicscouting-ksj.com](http://www.catholicscouting-ksj.com), or by mailing check or money order to:

**Thomas Jewitt**  
**CCS Membership Chair**  
**4384 SW Breezy Point Lane**  
**Lee's Summit, MO 64082-4716**

Note: Please write: "Chapel Donation" on the memo line of your check or money order to ensure that your donation is directed to the proper fund.

Thank you,

**Thomas Jewitt, Membership Chair**

Dei (AAD) program, as well as providing a venue for Catholic adult education programs.

Since retreat had to be cancelled, the Catholic Committee on Scouting devised alternative programming. To take place at Holy Spirit Catholic Parish on the morning of the second Saturday of September (the same Saturday as the retreat), the Committee planned a Day of Reflection (alternative AAD program requirement) as well as the Catholic adult education programs.

Unfortunately, as numbers for those entering a church were still restricted, this alternative event was also cancelled. The Committee contacted the AAD Counselors with active classes to verify that their students would be able to cover the AAD requirements, offering assistance as needed.

The Committee is hopeful that 2021 will provide an opportunity for scouts and scouters to come together for a 2021 retreat and other group events.

Diane Beatty  
Retreat Program Director

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## Annual Retreat and Adult Training Programs

The Catholic Committee on Scouting planned their September 2020 retreat at Camp Shawnee in the Knob Noster State Park, a favored location for this annual event. However, as the Corona pandemic gatherings limitations continued into the summer months, the Parks Department closed the State Park. The retreat had to be cancelled.

In addition to providing a fun forum for scouts to participate in religious activities and a campout, the annual retreat also fulfilled the retreat requirement for those participating in the Ad Altare