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Chairman's Report

Even though we have had to deal with many challenges and distractions in the last year, our Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCS) and youth members have remained active. In early March, Bishop (Eagle Scout) James Johnston presided over our annual Catholic Committee on Scouting Youth and Adult Awards Ceremony. He recognized our Scouting youth and adults who earned their respective Catholic religious emblems and gave an excellent homily on Catholic scouting.

We look forward to summer camp at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Our Chapel of the Twelve Apostles has seen many improvements. New fans have been added through a generous gift from the DeFeo family, gutters were installed and the rewiring of the electrical system was completed. The chaplain's cabin also has seen a total renovation. A big "thank you" goes out to Committee Member John Swartz and Ranger B.J. Straw who continue to help facilitate the upgrading and renovation of our Chapel grounds. Please consider a gift/donation to our CCS to help recoup some of the costs of these improvements.

We look forward to having Mass back in our Chapel at camp this summer. Our Mass celebrant for the 1st Session will be Bishop James Johnston. THANK YOU, BISHOP JOHNSTON!

I would like to invite you to take the next step and help Scouts grow in their faith. Become an active committee or retreat staff member or a trained religious emblem counselor. As always, thank you for all you do for Catholic Scouting.

You may contact me at 816-665-6876 or at moneil@kc.rr.com.



Mike O'Neil, Chairman



Fr. Joe Powers, Chaplain

Chaplain's Report

In the past, Scouts were presented their religious award by the bishop of the diocese in a ceremony held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City. The Catholic Committee has decided to return to this format beginning with awards earned during 2021. We hope to continue rotating the site among the parishes – and to invite youth from other programs.

Scouts should continue being recognized at a parish Mass, but the medals will come from the Bishop at the diocesan ceremony. Outside of Confirmation, our youth have few opportunities to be recognized by a bishop for their achievements. As an Eagle Scout, Bishop Johnston knows firsthand the value of the religious emblems program and the work that goes into earning one. It is our hope that this change of format will help our Scouts and parents see it as the great honor they deserve.

Chartered Organization Representatives of Catholic units. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting has reached an agreement with BSA that requires you to complete the training module for Catholic CORs in order for your unit to re-charter. Log-in to your account at My.Scouting.org. NCCS promotes *Scouting as Youth Ministry* so it is very important that pastors/youth ministers and unit leaders understand the relationship spelled out in the chartering agreement.

Masses at Bartle. Please bring a face mask to wear at Sunday Mass. We are monitoring updates from St. Clair County, but want to err on the side of caution. Thank you.



2021 St. George Emblem Recipient: Kathleen (Katie) Radford,



2021 St. George Emblem Recipient: Ronald Scott Smith

Annual Religious Emblems Ceremony

The Catholic Committee held its annual religious awards recognition service on March 3rd at Our Lady of the Presentation Church in Lee's Summit. Bishop James Johnston, who is an Eagle Scout, presided. Troop 391 served as our hosts. Scouts of all ages were honored for their efforts. Adults received the Bronze Pelican or St. George Emblem for their service to Catholic Scouting.

Additional photos can be viewed on the CCS website:

www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com Click on the tab NEWS/EVENTS, then Photo Albums.

Adult Leader Awards

Adults were recognized for their dedication to Catholic Scouting with the presentation of the Bronze Pelican and St. George Emblem.

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 determines this award. The Bronze Pelican recognizes adults that have contributed to Scouting as a Youth Ministry.

2020 Bronze Pelican Recipients

Diane Beatty, St. Sabina
 John Cook, Nativity of Mary, Independence
 David Hukriede, Troop 865
 Paul Lickteig, St. John Francis Regis
 Linda Lintz, Holy Spirit
 Shawn Lueck, Holy Spirit
 Robert Rastorfer, Holy Spirit
 Anthony Stoops, Troop 865

2021 Bronze Pelican Recipients

Chris Hayes, St. Peter

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.

2020 St. George Emblem Recipient

Larry Beauchamp, Holy Spirit

2021 St. George Emblem Recipients

Kathleen (Katie) Radford, St. John Francis Regis
 Ronald Scott Smith, St. Mark the Evangelist

Youth Awards

Young Scouts in attendance were presented a certificate by Bishop Johnston and had their photo taken by a professional photographer. The following young scouts who received recognition are:

Saint John Bosco, Scouts BSA

Troop 3
Benjamin Costner
Brice Harper

Light of Christ

Pack 865
Lily Robertson
Alex Taylor

Parvuli Dei

Pack 261
Jonathan Cesaro
Flynn Krudwig
Cohen Park

Pack 601
George Doty
Charlie Monaco
Kevin Overhaug
Luke Rogge
Isaac Strack
Blake Sumner
Luke Worley

Pack 865
Truman Cowan
Jeffrey Rebillet
Benjamin Robertson

Pack 900
Robert Navarro

Ad Altare Dei

Troop 3
Wyatt Bradshaw

Benjamin Costner
Brice Harper

Troop 32
Cody Smith
Kaden Smith

Troop 180
William Draper
Bennett Thomas

Troop 264
Justin Heafner

Troop 306
Dakota Buckner

Troop 374
Ethan Van Keirsbilck

Troop 391
Chett Auch
Parker Bushyhead
Michael Henry
Eric Hoff
Jonathan Koob
Jack Marsh
Joe Ragusa

Troop 7195
Mary Carney

Troop 7220
Camille Breske

Troop 7264
Jenna Heafner

Pope Pius XII

Troop 118
Hayden Cole
Matthew Coxe
Joseph Hayes

Andrew Lombardi
Gabe Smith
Jon Weis
Brendan Zahner

All scouts of the diocese who earn Catholic religious awards in 2021 will be invited to the ceremony on February 28, 2022. Deadline for inclusion in the ceremony is January 21, 2022.

To nominate an adult for recognition, visit the CCS website:

www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com Under the Religious Awards tab you'll find a link to the nomination forms and criteria.



Bob Stockdell
Award Ceremony Chair



Mary Stoner
Religious Emblems Chair

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-kcsj.com and click on the RELIGIOUS AWARDS tab. On the right side of the page, click on Counselor List under the DOCUMENTS heading. If one of these classes is not convenient or you wish a class for your unit, contact Mary Stoner, Religious Emblems Chair, at: mstoner2005@comcast.net

Bartle Summer Camp 2021

The Catholic Committee on Scouting is looking forward to ten-day sessions at Bartle. Celebration of the Eucharist will once again take place in our chapel. You will notice some upgrades to the chapel; new fans, new concrete aprons, painting, LED lighting, gutters downspouts, brand new porta john, continued

carpentry to reduce bats roosting in the ceiling. It will be a pleasant surprise.

The chapel is used for many reservation meetings and as a welcoming church, we are proud to share our space and faith.

One of the first things returning campers will notice in the chapel is the removal of 25 ceiling fans replace by four large diameter fans similar to those used in the dining halls. Purchase of the fans was a gift from Troop 30 in Kansas City MO honoring the legacy of Dr. Fred and Carol DeFeo. The DeFeo's had a long history in scouting. The Catholic Committee on Scouting is grateful for their gift. This upgrade in particular could not have been accomplished without financial assistance. Thank you Troop 30; especially Mike Wagner and Ed Mulik for working with the committee on the project.

Future plans include additional landscaping to redirect rain run from the cabin entrance and abatement of invasive grasses and weeds between the chapel and road.

As the committee works on services, understand the challenge of first session (June 19). There are over 500 campers from Catholic units. We are working on a plan which may not be finalized until at camp.

If there is a car at the cabin, I'm home. You are welcome to visit anytime.



John Swartz
Chapel host and caretaker
816.678.9848

Membership

Earlier this year, the Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCS) mailed membership cards to 117 members as part of our annual membership appeal along with a plea for donations to our Bartle Reservation Catholic Chapel of the Twelve Apostles and chaplain's cabin repair and improvements campaign.

As of April 30, we have received responses from 49 CCS members who have donated a total of **\$1,025** to the annual membership appeal, and **\$2,350**

to our Bartle chapel and cabin improvements campaign, for a grand total of **\$3,375** raised. Eight of these members donated online while the remainder donated by mail. We plan to thank each of these members by name for their enormous generosity and support in an upcoming issue of this Piercing Arrow newsletter later this year.

If you have not yet had the chance to donate, you may do so by using the return envelope that was enclosed with your membership card or you can donate online by visiting our website:

www.catholicscouting-kcsj.com and then clicking:

"DONATE."

Your financial stewardship is greatly appreciated.



Thomas Jewitt
Membership Chair

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2022 Religious Awards Ceremony

All adult leaders and scouts of the diocese who earn Catholic religious awards in 2021 will be invited to the awards ceremony on February 28, 2022, at 7 p.m. Monday, February 28, 2022. The location is St. James Catholic Church, 309 S. Stewart Road, Liberty, MO 64068.

A reception will follow in the parish hall hosted by Troop 214. The deadline for inclusion in the ceremony is January 21, 2022.