



NOMINATION FORM FOR ADULT AWARDS

The Bronze Pelican Award and

The St. George Award



CANDIDATE

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____ NAMES OF CHILDREN _____

PARISH _____ **Diocese of Columbus**

REGISTERED IN SCOUTING AS _____ UNIT _____ COUNCIL _____

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER _____

PARISH APPROVAL

The above named candidate is hereby approved as worthy of receiving the Bronze Pelican or Saint George Award.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____
Pastor

DIOCESAN APPROVAL

The Bronze Pelican/St. George Selection Committee of the Diocese of Columbus certifies that the record of service of the above named candidate has been carefully reviewed and that this candidate meets the requirements for receiving this award as approved by the ordinary.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____
Chairman - Selection Committee

SIGNED _____ DATE _____
Diocesan Scout Chaplain

DIOCESAN SCOUT CHAPLAIN'S RECORD

Date Award Ordered _____ Date Award Received _____

Date Award Presented _____ By _____

Award No. _____ In The Diocese of Columbus

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**Mail to: Catholic Committee on Scouting, C/o Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry,
197 E. Gay Street, Columbus OH 43215**

RECORD OF CANDIDATE

Describe **OUTSTANDING** service to the **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT** of Catholic boys in the Scouting apostolate. Please give pertinent facts, such as dates, services provided, honors and offices held in parish and diocese, in the Boy Scouts of America program, and in other community organizations. Please use the Selection Guidelines as a help in listing qualifications. Use additional pages if necessary.

In Parish and Diocese:

In Scouting:

In Other Community Organizations:

Recommendations should be forwarded to the Catholic Committee on Scouting only after Parish Approval is obtained. Applications received without Parish Approval, or with incomplete information, will not be considered for either award.

Nominated By (The Nominator or Sponsor should not be related to the Nominee.)	
Name _____	Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Address _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Relationship to Nominee _____	Date Submitted _____
Has Nominee Previously Received the Bronze Pelican Award?	_____ Yes _____ No

INSTRUCTIONS

The St. George Award is a national recognition approved by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. The Bronze Pelican Award is a diocesan recognition defined by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting with the approval of the local ordinary. Either award may be presented to any adult who is working in the Scouting Program. It may be given to clerics, laity, or Scouters of other faiths.

The purpose of these awards is to recognize each recipient's outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Other awards are available to recognize general Scouting achievements by districts, local councils, regions, and the national office. However, recommendations for the St. George and Bronze Pelican Awards should carefully detail how the nominee meets the selection guidelines described below.

The recipients of the awards are to be selected by a committee of at least five members, newly appointed annually, and approved by the Diocesan Scout Chaplain. The committee will evaluate the nominees on the basis of the selection guidelines. In most cases, the Bronze Pelican is presented to a first-time selected nominee. The St. George Award is presented to a nominee who has previously received the Bronze Pelican Award and who has continued to significantly influence Catholic Scouting for at least two additional years. The selections of the committee shall be final.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

Candidates should be exemplary individuals of good character with adequate tenure working with the Scouting Program. Following are some guidelines for selecting candidates for these awards. These suggestions are offered as a guide only; however, they are indicative of some of the things the selection committee will be looking for to determine the candidate's spiritual contribution. This list is not inclusive, as there are many other areas that might be considered.

- A. Promotes the Catholic Religious Emblem Programs; or actively serves as a counselor. Encourages non-Catholic boys to participate in the religious emblem programs of their faith.
- B. Provides notable service in promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the church, and is willing to serve on committees for these activities.
- C. Actively participates in Scout retreats and other activities and religious programs sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Instrumental in having boys and other adults participate.
- D. Provides outstanding service in promoting and participating in Scout Sunday observance.
- E. Provides notable service in bringing Scouting to more boys under Catholic auspices.
- F. Assists parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting Scoutmasters and other key leaders.
- G. Is fully trained in the skills of Scouting and is outstanding for his/her sense of responsibility, humility and good example.
- H. Assumes responsibility for transporting Catholic boys to Mass during campouts, camporees and summer camp and provides for spiritual needs of the non-Catholics in her/his charge.
- I. Encourages the true spirit of ecumenism, as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership, within various Scouting units under Catholic auspices.
- J. Makes significant contributions to Scouting, in the area of Catholic relationships.
- K. Creates a better understanding of the aims and ideals of Scouting by the clergy and laity through the Catholic press and other communication media.
- L. Provides leadership in promoting Scouting for all boys regardless of race or creed and is instrumental in organizing units in the inner city, or anywhere else.

BACKGROUND

Bronze Pelican Award

The Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Columbus has authorized the Bronze Pelican Award. The pelican is an ancient Christian symbol which has several meanings. One aspect of the symbolism describes the relationship of Jesus Christ with His people by referring to how a mother pelican will give her life's blood to her young to nurture and protect it. Also, the early Christian and Liturgical symbol of the pelican represents Christ. The significance of the Bronze Pelican Emblem is Christ-like devotion to youth, recognizing that adults in Scouting are called to nurture and raise our Scouts in Catholic ideals. The Bronze Pelican Award recognizes adults who have made contributions to the spiritual development of youth in Scouting, but the requirements are somewhat less rigorous than for the St. George Award. Only in exceptional cases would the presentation of a Bronze Pelican Award not precede the presentation of a St. George Award, to the same honoree. An example of such a case would be an adult who received the St. George Award from the Catholic Committee on Scouting of another Diocese before moving into the Diocese of Columbus, and then later nominated for the Bronze Pelican Award by the Diocese of Columbus.

St. George Award

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, having observed the use and value of an award presented to adults for outstanding service to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Scouting program, approved the St. George Award in 1955. St. George, who died a martyr in the year 303, was the Patron Saint of Knighthood and of England. The principal order of Knighthood in England was placed under the patronage of St. George. The feast day of St. George, April 23, was a national holiday and a holy day of obligation for English Catholics for many years.

Early stories of St. George's knighthood describes his public witnessing of his faith, his arrest, brave suffering and martyrdom. A later legend, which added a description of St. George as a knight who rescued the king's daughter in Libya, was probably responsible for much of the popularity given to St. George as a defender of virtue, even at the risk of life itself, and as a person who spent his own life in the service of others. St. George is an appropriate saint for Scouting, whose ideals describe many of the virtues demanded by those who would be knights. Likewise, Scouts and Scouters are called upon to make a public commitment to their ideals. The St. George Award identifies and gives the highest recognition to members of the laity and clergy, Scouters and non-Scouters alike, who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting.



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