



## Diocese of Austin Catholic Committee on Scouting St. Anne Adult Recognition Award

The St. Anne Award for adults working with Catholic members of national organizations serving girls is an award of the Department of Education, United States Catholic Conference (now USCCB) and was inaugurated at the Sixth National Conference of Catholic Youth Work, held in Philadelphia in November, 1957. It is offered to those in dioceses which choose to use it, subject to the approval of the local ordinary, as a national award for adults. It is the highest national award in this field. The purpose of the award is to honor the outstanding service of adults contributing to the spiritual development of Catholic members of organizations for girls, and to further Catholic adult leadership in youth ministry through those organizations.

Saint Anne, the mother of the Virgin Mary, is a fitting and apt model for this, the highest award given by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS) to persons who have given selflessly to Catholic members of girls' organizations. This award is given under the auspices of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry and careful evaluation by the DCCS with the goal of being highly selective. This medal is not an award to be earned, but rather an honor one is nominated for by others. As such, all nominations should be made confidentially to the selection committee of the DCCS.

The Saint Anne medal may be given to any adult, lay or religious, Catholic or non-Catholic who has shown a consistent commitment to the spiritual formation and development of youth in girls' organizations. The following are general guidelines for appropriate candidates:

- Promotes the religious recognition programs for Catholic members and/or serves as a counselor. Encourages non-Catholic members to participate in the religious recognitions of their faith
- Gives notable service in promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the church and shows willingness to serve on like committees
- Participates actively in the adult spiritual motivation program retreats or days of recollection, and is instrumental in having others participate
- Gives outstanding service in promoting and participating in Girl Scout/Camp Fire Sunday observances
- Gives notable service in extending the national organization to more members under Catholic auspices
- Assists parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting adults for key leadership positions
- Is fully trained in the skills of the organization and is outstanding for his/her sense of responsibility, humility, and good example
- Is responsible for Catholic members being transported to mass at camporees and summer camps and provides for spiritual needs of the non-Catholics within these groups;
- Creates a better understanding of the aims and ideals of the organizations by the clergy and laity through the Catholic press and other communications media
- Is instrumental in organizing and promoting these programs for all members regardless of race or creed and gives leadership
- Encourages the true spirit of ecumenism as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership within the girls' organizations served, and
- Fosters good relationships with council and is capable of interpreting Catholic programs to council members

**Return completed nomination form by August 15 via email [dccs-chair@austindiocese.org](mailto:dccs-chair@austindiocese.org) or mail to**

Diocese of Austin  
Attn: YYACM – DCCS  
6225 E US 290 Hwy Svrd EB  
Austin, TX 78723

Award presentation will take place at the annual [Bishop's Recognition Mass](#).  
Additional information on this and other adult, unit and scout awards can be found [here](#)

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## **ST. ANNE NOMINATION**

### **RECORD OF NOMINEE:**

Using the guide-points below, describe the outstanding service the nominee has given to the spiritual development of Catholic youths. Include pertinent dates. Use additional sheets of paper as needed. Greatest emphasis should be placed on the first point below.

Service to or position held in the spiritual development of Catholic youths:
Service to or positions held in the parish, diocese/eparchy or both.
Service to or positions held in other organizations (such as business, civic, religious, educational and fraternal).

# ST. ANNE NOMINATION

## NOMINEE:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization registered in: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation and employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## RECOMMENDED BY:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED BY DCCS COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

#### DIOCESAN SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

The St. Anne selection committee of the Diocese of Austin certifies that the record of service of the nominee has been carefully reviewed and that the nominee meets the standards for this emblem as established by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. The nominee is hereby selected for reception of the St. Anne Award.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, selection committee

#### DIOCESAN APPROVAL:

On \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, the above-named candidate's pastor, \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

stated he knew of no reason why the candidate should not receive the St. Ann Award. Therefore, based on the approval of the selection committee, the candidate is approved for the reception of the St. Anne Award emblem.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diocesan Scout chaplain

#### DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE SCOUTING ON SCOUTING OFFICE RECORD:

Date emblem ordered: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date emblem received: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date emblem presented: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_