

Religious Recognition Programs and Awards

The Catholic religious recognition programs administered by the Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) and the National Catholic Committee for Girls Scouts and Camp Fire (NCCGSCF) under the auspices of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYN) allow young people to explore and become more involved in their Catholic faith.

The religious recognition program may be utilized by members of various groups. Girl Scouts, 4-H, Camp Fire USA, American Heritage Girls, Junior Catholic Daughters of America Catholic Youth Groups, and Religious Education classes

***Note: the religious recognition medals and patches may only be procured and conferred by the diocesan authorized administrators (the ACCW) upon verification of program completion and award application.**

Religious Recognition Programs for Youth

***God Is Love grades K – 1**

***Family of God – grades 2 – 3**

I Live My Faith – grades 4-5

***Mary, the First Disciple – grades 6-8**

***The Spirit Alive – grades 9 – 10**

Missoi grades 11 & 12

****God Is Love** program helps Kindergarten and first grade students discover an appreciation that God created, cares for and loves us all.

Family of God is a bilingual activity series developed to complement the catechetical efforts of the parish and families with children in the second and third grades. The six chapters cover:

- *I am special to my family.
- *I am special to God's family
- *I belong to my family
- *I belong to God's family
- *I can help my family
- *I can help God's family

The **I Live My Faith** program, an action oriented program, is designed to help children, grades 4 – 5, appreciate more deeply the place that God and religion occupy in their daily life. The action-oriented activities focus on developing awareness within the individual of her potential as a growing person, friend, family member, citizen, and participant in the community of faith. The program is divided into three chapters.

- *Stretching
- *Seeking
- *Finding

Each of which blends the dimensions of discovery, prayer, service and sacrament into a unified whole. **I Live my Faith** complements and supports the more formal religious education provided in Catholic schools and parish programs.

Mary, the First Disciple:

This Marian Medal program is written for young Catholics, grades 7 – 10 to enable them to “proclaim the greatness of the Lord. This is accomplished by actively involving the participants in an understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality- a woman of the church.

The chapters include:

1. Called and Chosen
2. God With Us
3. Mary Made a Difference
4. Mary, A Woman for all Time.

The Spirit Alive program provides substantial and creative activities to help with preparation for the sacrament of confirmation. This program is designed for Catholic youth in high school. It assists them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the church. There is emphasis on prayer, study of Scripture, Documents of Vatican II, and Service to others.

The chapters include:

1. The Holy Spirit Alive in Scripture
2. The Holy Spirit Alive in the Catholic Church
3. The Holy Spirit Alive in Prayer
4. The Holy Spirit Alive in Your Live
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****Missio**

Missio is designed for students in grades 11-12. The program invites young people to explore discipleship and their own religious identity. Missio was jointly created by the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States and the NFCYM.

****New Areas on the National level and for Iowa**

These materials are as of May, 2019.

There is a cost for the program booklets and leader guides. Scout Leaders can order the program resources but ACCW needs to order the award medals and patches.

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