

2021 Pope Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award

Catholic Chartered Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship or Post *(circle one)* # _____ **in the**
(Arch)Diocese of _____

Chartered to: _____

Objective		Circle One	
Planning		Yes	No
#1	Unit Planning: Unit has a program plan that includes Catholic activities and is supported by the unit's committee.	Yes	No
Membership			
#2	Growth: Unit has a plan for membership growth which includes recruiting from the local Catholic school or parish.	Yes	No
#3	Retention: Unit retains at least 70% of eligible Catholic members.	Yes	No
Program			
#4	Religious Emblems: At least once a year the unit makes a presentation to members about the religious emblems that are available for them to earn.	Yes	No
#5	Religious Activities: At least once a year the unit makes a presentation to members about the religious activities that are available to them to participate in and earn.	Yes	No
#6	Service: The unit performs at least one (1) service project benefiting the unit's chartered partner.	Yes	No
#7	Vocations: At least once a year the unit makes presentation to members about vocations.	Yes	No
Unit Leadership			
#8	Training: Leaders are current with their BSA youth protection training and any training required by the (Arch)Diocese. Unit promotes leader-specific training and adult awards program.	Yes	No
#9	Emblems Counselor: Have a Unit Religious Program Coordinator who promotes religious emblems and tracks religious emblems progress.	Yes	No
#10	Diocesan Committee Participation: At least once a year the unit makes presentation to adults encouraging them to actively participate on the local Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. COR or designee attends at least one DCCS meeting per year.	Yes	No

- Bronze:** Earn at least 5 objectives
- Silver:** Earn at least 7 objectives
- Gold:** Earn at least 9 objectives

- We certify that these requirements have been completed:**

Unit Leader or Committee Chair _____

Date _____

Chartered Org Representative _____

Date _____

DCCS Chair, Diocesan Chaplain or Youth Ministry Chair _____

Date _____

This form should be submitted directly to the local (Arch)Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.

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Catholic unit planning, performance and recognition

The Pope Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award, much like the Journey to Excellence, uses a balanced approach to measure performance. It guides Catholic program planning before the year begins, monitors activities for continuous improvement during the year, and recognizes performance at the end of the year. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous year to guide your performance improvement goal planning. The period for measuring performance will be the calendar year.

Planning Measures

#1 The unit has a program plan that includes activities that are Catholic-centric (e.g. Way of the Cross, the Rosary, etc.). The unit is aware of and utilizes activities made available by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) and the local (arch)diocesan committee (DCCS) and regularly *plans* to attend events that are sponsored by the local committee. In the event the local DCCS does not offer events or activities, the activities of the NCCS can assist with meeting the requirements.

Membership Measures

#2 The unit has a growth plan and conducts a formal recruiting event at a local parish or Catholic school. A membership growth plan template (Journey To Excellence) can be found at www.scouting.org/membership but should be geared toward Catholic youth.

#3 Unit retains at least 70% of scout membership, using data from the most recent charter renewal.

Program Measures

#4 Unit promotes earning of religious emblems, to include youth members outside of the Catholic faith working on their respective faith's emblems. Your local DCCS should provide training for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious emblem counseling (Light is Life is offered for Eastern Rite Catholics). The Cub Scout emblems (Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei) are worked on with the family. A Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator is responsible for tracking and educating individuals on the various religious emblems available to them.

#5 Unit promotes participation in and promotion of religious activities. These activities could be locally-sponsored (Scout Sunday, Diocese awards ceremonies, meetings, etc) or NCCS-sponsored (Patch Series, annual meeting, Philmont, etc).

#6 Discuss with your local chartered partner for service projects and outreach opportunities.

#7 Vocations may pertain to either sacrament of service (Holy Orders or Holy Matrimony). Invite a clergy member to speak or attend a vocations activity.

Leadership Measures

#8 Most, if not all (Arch)Dioceses in the United States require Safe Environment training and a background check for any youth-facing adult. This training is offered by the (Arch)Diocese and the local parishes. An adult cannot assist in a Catholic unit until these requirements are satisfied and confirmed by the parish administration. A fully trained leader has BSA youth protection, the (Arch)Diocesan Safe Environment training, and leader-specific training (preferably face-to-face training). The local DCCS and the NCCS offer National Catholic Leadership Development training (at *Scouting in the Catholic Church*). Go to www.nccs-bsa.org for details. Chaplain Aide training is currently available in select councils. Recognize deserving adults with adult awards.

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#10 Participation at the diocesan level is essential for units that wish to succeed as a strong Catholic unit. Every Chartered Organization Representative (COR) of a Catholic-sponsored unit is automatically a member of the local DCCS and should attend at least one DCCS meetings a year. If the COR is unable to attend these meetings, the unit committee may appoint an alternate to attend the meetings.