

**DIOCESE OF MADISON
CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING**

**HOW TO BECOME A
RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COORDINATOR, COUNSELOR, OR FACILITATOR**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a certified Religious Emblems Coordinator, Counselor, or Facilitator in the Diocese of Madison. Your willingness to help Catholic Scouts grow in their faith by earning a religious emblem from the Catholic Church is appreciated.

COORDINATORS assist parents of Cub Scouts (including Tiger Cubs, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos) as the parents work with their sons to earn the **Light of Christ** and **Parvuli Dei** religious emblems. Coordinators also:

- Work with the Scout's parents and parish to arrange for presenting the emblem at a parish Mass
 - Assist the Pack in obtaining and presenting the BSA universal youth religious emblem square knots and devices to Cub Scouts who have earned religious emblems, as needed
 - Work with Pack Scouters to promote the BSA religious emblems program in the Pack
- Coordinators **do not** work directly with the Cub Scouts who are working on a religious emblem.

COUNSELORS work directly with Boy Scouts who have completed sixth grade to help them earn the **Ad Altare Dei** religious emblem. **FACILITATORS** work directly with Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers who have completed ninth grade to help them earn the **Pope Pius XII** religious emblem. Counselors and Facilitators also:

- Work with the Scout's parents and parish to arrange for presenting the emblem at a parish Mass
- Assist the Troop/Team/Crew in obtaining and presenting the BSA universal youth religious emblem square knots and devices to Scouts/Venturers who have earned religious emblems
- Work with the Troop/Team/Crew Scouters to promote the BSA religious emblems program in the Troop/Team/Crew

To be a Religious Emblems Coordinator, Counselor, or Facilitator in the Diocese of Madison, you must:

- Be a practicing Catholic, age 21 or older
- Complete the following Diocese of Madison requirements for working with youth in the Diocese:
 - Complete the Virtus[®] “Protecting God’s Children” youth protection training course
 - Complete and submit to the Diocese an “Authorization for Background Investigation – Volunteer” form authorizing the Diocese to have a background check performed on you, and pass this background check
 - Complete and submit to the Diocese a “Statement of Receipt and Agreement” form which denotes that you have received and agree to abide by all the provisions contained in the “Diocese of Madison Policy Regarding Abuse of Minors, Sexual Misconduct, and Sexual Harassment” document
- Complete a DMCCS “Religious Emblems Coordinator/Counselor/Facilitator Application” form (DMCCS Form 004)
- Complete a DMCCS training course for coordinators, counselors, or facilitators, applicable to the position you are applying for (the courses are different for each position)
- Have your application approved by the Chair of the Religious Emblems and Recognitions Committee. After you have met all the requirements and your application has been approved, the DMCCS will send you a Religious Emblems Coordinator, Counselor, or Facilitator Certificate Card documenting your certification.

*(NOTE: only adults who are **certified by the DMCCS** may act as Religious Emblems Coordinators, Counselors, or Facilitators in the Diocese of Madison.)*

For further information about Religious Emblems Coordinators, Counselors, and Facilitators, contact:

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